

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now. Name one place in the city where you live that you love to go.

Arthur Truluv Part 9: Maddy and Arthur

On a hot day early in July, Arthur is at the cemetery when he hears a familiar voice. "Hey, Truluv!"

Arthur spins around so fast he nearly falls off his fold-up chair. "Maddy!" He's so glad to see her he jumps up and grabs her. She stiffens at first, but when he looks into her face he thinks she's pleased. "How are you, Maddy?"

"I'm good," she says.

"I'm so glad. I was worried about you!"

"You were?"

"Why, of course. We're friends aren't we? Where have you been? What happened to you? I looked for you every day. And one day I even shouted your name."

1. Why does Maddy stiffen when Arthur grabs her?
2. How does Arthur feel about seeing Maddy again?
3. Was Arthur worried about Maddy?

"A lot has happened Truluv. I had a boyfriend for a while, but he dumped me. Then, I discovered I was pregnant. I told my boyfriend, but he wanted nothing to do with me or a baby."

"I'm so sorry, Maddy. What will you do?"

She looks down and puts a hand on her stomach. "I didn't plan this baby, but I'm keeping it." Arthur smiles. "A baby is a miracle. It's one of those things that everybody says, but it happens to be true."

She nods and looks at him gratefully. "That's what I think. My dad didn't agree. He wanted me to get rid of it. That's why I ran away."

"Where'd you go?"

Maddy laughs. "At first I came here. I slept out here for three nights. I wasn't scared, but I sure was cold. Then my teacher, Mr. Lyon, noticed I looked a little bedraggled and asked me what was up. I couldn't help it. I broke down and told him about Anderson getting me pregnant, then leaving. I told him I didn't want to go home because my dad didn't want me to keep the baby. He asked me to come and stay with him and his wife. They are so nice. I feel like before I left home, I was living in a jar with the lid on tight. There was just no air in our house. But at the Lyon's house I can breathe."

1. What did Maddy discover?
2. What does "but he dumped me," mean?
3. How did Maddy's boyfriend feel about the baby?
4. How does Maddy feel about the baby?
5. What does Arthur think about the baby?
6. Does Arthur judge Maddy for getting pregnant?
7. Why did Maddy run away?
8. Where did Maddy sleep at first?
9. What does "bedraggled" mean?
10. Who is Mr. Lyon and how did he help Maddy?
11. What does Maddy mean when she says, "I was living in a jar with the lid on tight?"

"Mr. Lyons has found an art college that has a dorm for single mothers. I can go to art school and have my baby with me. The baby is due in December, so I won't start til next January.

"So, you'll stay with the Lyons until the baby is born?" asked Arthur.

"Oh, no. As nice as the Lyons have been, I don't want to take advantage of their kindness. I need to find a room to rent. I'm looking for a job as a housekeeper. Maybe I could keep house for someone in exchange for a room. You don't need a housekeeper do you, Arthur?"

1. What did Mr. Lyons find for Maddy?
2. When does Maddy plan to start school?
3. Why won't Maddy stay with the Lyons?
4. How does Maddy plan to pay her rent?

Arthur says, "A housekeeper! What a luxury that would be. Why yes, I do need a housekeeper. I have a bedroom overlooking the front yard that you can have. You can see my rosebushes from there. I have six different varieties. The room is painted yellow, like the sun is just pouring in."

Maddy doesn't say anything.

"But you can paint it if you don't like yellow."

"I like yellow," Maddy says, and then she begins to cry. "Thank you so much, Truluv. I'll come tomorrow around noon." Maddy walks away.

Arthur turns to Nola's grave. "Isn't that something, Nola? We have a family."

1. What does Arthur think would be a luxury?
2. Describe the room Arthur offers Maddy.
3. Why does Maddy cry when Arthur offers her a room?
4. What does Arthur tell Nola?

Grammar Practice- Conditionals

Conditionals are also called "if clauses". There are 4 types of conditionals.

1-(if + present simple, ... present simple) If you heat water to 100 degrees, **it boils**. If it rains, **the grass gets wet**.

2-(if + present simple, ... will + infinitive) If it rains tomorrow, **we'll go** to the cinema. If you don't hurry, **you will miss** the bus. NOTE: Normally WILL is used in the main clause of first conditional sentences. However you can also use the modal verbs

MAY, MIGHT and COULD when something is a possible consequence (and not a certain one) in the future. If you are nice to me, I may buy you a gift when I'm in Peru.

3-(if + past simple, ... would + infinitive) If I had a lot of money, **I would travel** around the world. If you went to bed earlier, **you wouldn't be** so tired.

4-(if + past perfect, ... would + have + past participle) If I had gone to bed early, **I would have caught** the train. If it had rained, **I would have gotten** wet.

The meaning changes slightly in different conditionals. Read the two sentences. Are the meanings different?

a-If you sit in the sun, you get burned.

b-If you sit in the sun, you will get burned.

The first sentence is a general statement. Every time you sit in the sun, you get burned.

The second sentence refers to a specific individual. If YOU sit in the sun, YOU will get burned.

a-If she studies harder, she'll pass the exam this time.

b-If she studied harder, she would pass the exam.

The first sentence makes a prediction about the future.

The second sentence IMPLIES that the event probably won't happen. In other words, we don't think the student will study harder and therefore he/she won't pass the exam.

If you replace the future tense WILL with a MODAL COULD, the meaning changes.

a-If it rains enough tomorrow, it will flood.

b-If it rains enough tomorrow, it could flood.

The first sentence is a certain prediction for flood. The second sentence is a possible prediction for flood.

These sentences have conditionals or "if clauses". But the students have made mistakes. Find the mistakes and correct them.

1. If people eat too much, they got fat.
2. If the babies are hungry, they would have cried.
3. If I see her, I would tell her.
4. If I have enough money, I would buy new shoes.
5. If you will get back late, I will be angry.
6. If he will come, I will be surprised.
7. He would take the bus if the car doesn't start.
8. We will not be lost if we had looked at the map.
9. Tell him to check into a hotel if he arrived late.
10. He'll call you if he will find a phone.
11. If I knew her name, I will tell you.
12. I'll check on Mom on the way home if I had the time.
13. If you learned to speak English well, you can get a job.
14. If I left now, I can make it to work on time.
15. Mother may visit us if she would have time.
16. If the phone rings, she would have answered it.
17. If I will know she is coming, I will clean up her room.
18. If I had got up early, I would have made it to work on time.

Explain the difference in meaning of these sentences.

a-If babies get hungry, they cry.

b-If the babies get hungry, they will cry.

a-If he gets his visa, he can fly to the U.S.

b-If he gets his visa, he might fly to the U.S.

c-If he gets his visa, he will fly to the U.S.

a-If I see a movie star, I will ask for her autograph.

b-If I saw a movie star, I would have asked for her autograph.

a-If I had known you had the day off, I would have asked you to join us.

b-If I know you have the day off, I will ask you to join us.