

1 Write a–e in French.

- a I would be _____
- b they would be able to _____
- c he would have _____
- d we would do _____
- e there would be _____

Grammaire

The conditional is used to say what 'would happen'.

To form a conditional, use the stem of the future tense, with the endings of the imperfect tense: *-ais, -ais, -ait, -ions, -iez, -aient*. There are no irregular endings.

2 Match up the modal verbs in the conditional with their English meanings. Write the correct number in each box.

- a je devrais 1 *I would like*
- b je pourrais 2 *it should be necessary, we should*
- c je voudrais 3 *I should, I ought to*
- d il faudrait 4 *I could, I might*
- e il vaudrait mieux 5 *it would be better*

3 Use the French conditional forms from Exercise 2 in sentences of your choice.

- a Je devrais _____.
- b Je pourrais _____.
- c Je voudrais _____.
- d Il faudrait _____.
- e Il vaudrait mieux _____.

4 Write answers in French in response to these situations. What would you do if ...

- a you failed your exams? _____
- b you witnessed a crime? _____
- c your house got burgled? _____
- d your best friend had a car accident?

- e you were Prime Minister? _____
- f you won the lottery? _____
- g you passed your driving test? _____
- h you were unemployed? _____
- i you could not have the career of your choice?
