Grammaire à l'œuvre 2

Grammavision

The conditional

Interactive TUTOR

1 The conditional (**le conditionnel**) tells what *would* happen. The conditional uses the infinitive as the stem for most verbs. The endings are the same as those of the **imparfait**. Drop the **-e** from verbs ending in **–re** before adding the endings.

	parler	**finir**	**vendre**
je	parler**ais**	finir**ais**	vendr**ais**
tu	parler**ais**	finir**ais**	vendr**ais**
il/elle/on	parler**ait**	finir**ait**	vendr**ait**
nous	parler**ions**	finir**ions**	vendr**ions**
vous	parler**iez**	finir**iez**	vendr**iez**
ils/elles	parler**aient**	finir**aient**	vendr**aient**

2 Verbs that have irregular stems and spelling changes in the future tense have the same stems in the conditional.

Tu **devrais** bien manger. Tu **pourrais** aussi prendre des vitamines.

You should eat well. You could also take vitamins.

Vocabulaire et grammaire, *pp. 94–95*
Cahier d'activités, *pp. 75–77*
Online workbooks

Déjà vu!

Do you remember the stems of verbs that are irregular in the future?

aller (ir-)	pouvoir (pourr-)
avoir (aur-)	savoir (saur-)
devoir (devr-)	venir (viendr-)
être (ser-)	voir (verr-)
faire (fer-)	vouloir (voudr-)

Si clauses

Interactive TUTOR

1 To say what someone *would* do *if* things were different, use two clauses, an "if" clause and a "result" clause. The "if" clause will start with si (*if*) and will be in the imparfait. The "result" clause will be in the conditional. Either clause can come first.

Si tu voulais être en bonne santé, tu ferais de l'exercice.

If you wanted to be in good health, you would exercise.

Tu achèterais des légumes **si** tu voulais bien manger.

You would buy vegetables if you wanted to eat well.

2 You can also use si + on + imparfait to invite someone to something.

Si on faisait de l'exercice? *How about exercising?*

Vocabulaire et grammaire, *pp. 94–95*
Cahier d'activités, *pp. 75–77*
Online workbooks
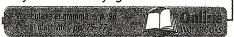
Un peu plus

The conditional to make polite requests

The conditional (**le conditionnel de politesse**) can be used to make a request or offer sound more polite.

Pourrais-tu m'aider?

Could you help me?

Est-ce que vous **voudriez** faire du yoga?

Would you like to do yoga?

Vocabulaire et grammaire, *p. 96*
Cahier d'activités, *pp. 75–77*
Online workbooks