Activity Type
Writing, listening and speaking activity, group work

Language Focus
Second conditional

Aim
To write matching answers for hypothetical situations using the second conditional.

Preparation
Make one copy of the worksheet for the class. Also, provide slips of paper for each student.

Level
Intermediate

Time
40 minutes

Introduction
In this captivating class activity, students try to write matching answers for hypothetical situations using the second conditional. This activity has been adapted from 'Hot Seat' by James Kealey and Donna Inness.

Procedure
Divide the class into teams of four or five. Each team should have the same number of students. If there are any leftover students, they can ask the questions or help to keep score.

Give each student some slips of paper.

Choose one student in each team to be the contestant. The other students in the team are panel members.

Have the panel members sit together. The contestants sit in a row at the front of the class.

The teacher or leftover students read the first question from the worksheet.

Each contestant writes an answer to the question and keeps it secret.

The panel members each write the answer that they think their contestant wrote.

The contestants then hold up or read out their answers one by one.

Panel members are then asked to hold up or read out their answers.

For each matching answer, teams receive one point.

This process is repeated until all the questions have been answered.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Here is a link to the webstore where the original activity may be purchased: http://www.prolinguaassociates.com/Pages/shgbook.html
Questions

1. If a stranger on the street asked for some money, how much would you give?

2. If you were a teacher, which subject would you teach?

3. If you were sad, which room of your house would you like to be in?

4. If you were married, how many children would you have?

5. If you were an animal, which animal would you be?

6. If you could live wherever you wanted, where would you live?

7. If you were a famous actor, which one would you be?

8. If you were in your room right now listening to music, what kind of music would you be listening to?

9. If you were eating ice cream now, what flavour would you be eating?

10. If you were on holiday in Europe right now, which country would you be in?

11. If you had to choose only one of the following, would you be extremely rich, good-looking, intelligent or strong?

12. If you had to choose only one subject to get an 'A' in, which one would it be?

13. If you were stranded on a desert island, what is the one thing that you would want to have with you?

14. If all of your clothes had to be the same colour, what colour would they be?

15. If you had only one meal to eat every day for a week, what meal would it be?