

GRAMMAR

1 Complete the following sentences with *can, could, couldn't, may or might*.

- I _____ have lent you my hard hat if you had asked me.
- He put his glasses on because he _____ see a thing without them.
- He _____ be a good architect, but everybody finds it difficult to understand his choice of colours.
- They _____ agree to putting in double glazing, but I very much doubt it because they hate spending money on house improvements.
- If he had been wearing the right gear, he _____ not have been injured so badly.
- It _____ be safely said that rooftop gardens definitely reduce pollution levels in cities.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- If they _____ (know) that Kensington Palace had been renovated, they _____ (go) to see it.
- He _____ (not fall) off the ladder if he had been more careful.
- If they _____ (have) more money to spend, they would have installed underfloor heating.
- They _____ (put) a garden on their roof if they lived in the city centre.
- The building wouldn't be so nice if it _____ (not have) a rooftop garden.
- If I _____ (be) you, I'd wear goggles when doing that job.

3 **PET** Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first. Use no more than three words.

- I am always very careful at work so I don't have many accidents.
→ If I _____ at work, I would have a lot more accidents.
- She's happy now that the house has been completely renovated.
→ She _____ happy now if the house hadn't been completely renovated.
- He isn't going to put new carpeting in his house because his wife wants wooden flooring.
→ If his wife _____ wooden flooring, he'd put new carpeting in his house.
- He got angry when they told him about the structurally unstable conditions of the building.
→ He wouldn't have got angry if they _____ about the structurally unstable conditions of the building.
- The house is in need of major repairs now because it has been left empty for years.
→ If the house _____ empty for so many years, it wouldn't be in need of major repairs now.
- They pay less for their heating now because they have installed solar panels.
→ They _____ for their heating if they didn't have solar panels.

4 Translate the following sentences into English.

- Secondo studi recenti, la maggior parte degli incidenti potrebbe essere evitata se i giovani fossero formati meglio prima di iniziare a lavorare.

- Se avessero usato la moquette la stanza sarebbe sembrata più accogliente, specialmente nelle fredde serate invernali.

- Una volta finito di arredare il loro nuovo appartamento in centro, potrebbero decidere di mettere un giardino sul tetto per aiutare a mantenere la casa fresca d'estate.

- Non potevano ricreare la facciata originale del palazzo, perché era stata troppo danneggiata dal terremoto e non avevano i materiali originali.

- Hanno iniziato a rinnovare la casa accanto due settimane fa e adesso hanno appena scoperto che potrebbe essere necessario sostituire il tetto.

- Se avessero isolato il sottotetto anni fa, avrebbero risparmiato così tanti soldi sul consumo di energia, che sarebbero potuti andare in vacanza ogni estate, invece di stare a casa.
