

# ELECTION

## Second Conditionals practice

A: Your group is a political party that needs to decide its policies for the next election. Make sure you have at least 10 ideas of what you would do if you were elected. You can use the ideas below to help you.

### Crime and Punishment

1. Would you bring in the death penalty? If so, for which crimes?
2. Would you send more people to prison?
3. Would you have longer sentences?
4. Would you send children to prison?
5. Would you give the police guns?
6. What would you do if lots of policemen got shot?

### Health

7. Would you make medical care free? If so, how would you pay for it?
8. Would you raise the minimum age for smoking? If so, by how much?
9. Would you legalise cannabis for medical or personal use?

### Politics

10. What would you do if American diplomats were found to be spying in England? What about for French, Russian or Chinese spies?

11. Why would you declare war?

12. What would you do if Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait again?

13. Would you send British soldiers to help British people in danger in another country?

14. What would you do if Scotland wanted independence?

#### Language

15. Would you try to change English spelling to make it phonetical?

16. If you could change the language, what would you do?

17. Would you try to stop American English being used in Britain?

#### Constitution

18. Would you get rid of the Queen?

19. What would you do if the Queen resigned?

20. Would you want Britain to become part of a United States of Europe?

21. Would you try to change to driving on the right?

#### The Environment

22. What would you do if air pollution in London got really bad?

23. How would you improve the environment?

#### Education

24. What age do you think all students should study from/ until?

25. What would you do if all teachers went on strike until they got 50% more pay?

26. Would you make all British children learn foreign languages. If so, which?

B: Ask a class, ask the other groups about their policies and try to think of bad consequences if they did those things. If someone thinks of a bad consequence of your ideas, try to think of your response to that. Continue until one group has won each argument.

e.g.

-‘If the Queen resigned, I would ask Prince Charles to be King.’

-‘If you did that Camilla would be Queen and the people would be very unhappy’

-‘If the people were unhappy about Camilla being Queen we would...’ etc.

C: Have a vote. Each person can vote for any of the other groups (you cannot vote for yourself).