

## Grammar Lesson

Lesson 14: If you buy this laptop...  
レッスン 14: もしこのノートパソコンを買うなら...

**Target: Talking about technology using the 1st conditional**  
 目的: 「もしも～なら」を使ってテクノロジーについて話しましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• perfectly fine	何の問題もなく	• opt for...	～を選ぶ
• silly	ばかばかしい	• neatly	こぎれいに
• persist	続く	• an aspect	側面
• cutting edge	最先端技術の(機器)	• energy efficient	エネルギー効率の良い
• a paperweight	文鎮	• drain...	消耗する
• revert to...	立ち戻る	• astonishing	驚くべき
• dated	古い	• flat	ちょうど
• susceptible to...	～の影響を受けやすい	• at once	すぐに
• among other things	何よりも	• then again	だって

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I wonder, if I view this file in Acrobat Reader, will I be able to see it? I've recently had some trouble with my computer and it may be time to buy a new one. Every time I send an email it gives me an error message. However, the email sends perfectly fine with no problem, but the silly error message persists. This laptop was cutting edge just a few years ago. Now, it's just an expensive paperweight.

The problems started a few months ago when I upgraded my operating system. The trouble is that I can't revert to the old O/S as it's too dated. Plus, it was really susceptible to viruses and spyware. One day I was completely unable to access any of my data even though the computer turned on as normal. If I get a new laptop, I'll be able to send and receive emails normally among many other things. As well, if I opt for the additional external HDD, I can store all my data neatly in one location that can act as my virtual backup.

I wonder if I have to worry about the region free aspect with laptops now that I'm abroad. When I bought my DVD player I made sure to buy one with that feature. Though I realize if I get a powerful laptop model, I may have limited battery life as most are not so energy efficient. My brother bought a gaming laptop which is incredible, but drains the battery in an astonishing 60 minutes flat. Of course, it's rechargeable, but when you have no place to plug in the battery you're stuck.

So I have to consider what I need to get from my new computer. If I opt for high memory, I won't have any trouble with running multiple programs at once. Plus, if I choose the faster chip, I can easily run video editing software without any trouble. I think the last thing I need to consider is how much I want to spend. If I have a budget of \$2,000, I'll certainly be able to get the best possible laptop that suits my needs with money left over for any necessary accessories. Then again you never know, I may be able to get the salesman to knock down the price a bit too!

I'm quite busy today and tomorrow because I have a ton of work to do, but I'm not so busy on Friday. So if I can finish work early on Friday I should have enough time to go to the local PC store and check out some new laptops.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. If he gets a new laptop, will he be able to send & receive emails?
2. If he gets an external HDD, can he store his data in one location?
3. Will the battery last a long time if he buys a powerful laptop?
4. If he opts for high memory will he be able to run multiple programs at once?
5. If he gets a faster chip, will he be able to run video editing software?
6. If he has a budget of \$2,000, will he be able to get a laptop that suits his needs?
7. If he can finish work early on Friday, will he be able to check out some laptops?
8. How many examples of the 1st conditional can you find?