

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 15: If I won \$1,000,000...
レッスン 15: もし私が100万ドル勝ったなら...

Target: Talking hypothetically using the 2nd conditional
 目的: もし～なら～なのに、を使って仮定的状況を話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• hypothetically speaking	仮定の話だが	• handicapped	身体障害のある
• reality	現実性	• clarity	鮮明さ
• tech	科学技術	• mount...	～を取り付ける
• advance	前へ進む	• built in	組み込みの
• a bevy of...	～の群れ	• stylish	洗練された
• centrally	中心的に	• tremendous	ものすごい
• a medium	媒体	• next to nothing	ほとんどなにに等しい
• a limitation	制限	• burn through...	消耗する
• oversized	特大の	• beef	不満

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

So hypothetically speaking, if I won the lottery, I'd travel all over the world for an entire year. That would be fantastic fun! Well it's not reality, but there's nothing wrong with dreaming a little now and then. Coming back to reality, I've got to upgrade some of the tech in my office and at home. Technology and computerized gadgets advance so quickly nowadays, I can hardly keep up.

For starters, I'm tired of carrying a bevy of thumb drives around with data on them. I believe it'd be best to centrally store all my data on one medium rather than a mix of drives and media. If I bought a wireless router, I could easily connect my laptop, desktop, smartphone and tablet PC all to the network. My new tablet is great, but it's certainly got some limitations as to what it can do. I tend to think of it as an oversized smartphone, or a handicapped laptop. However the clarity of the 1080p screen, overall convenience and compact size made it a must have for me.

I really want to buy a new TV. My current one is getting a little old, and I think it's time for an upgrade. I bought it about 10 years ago. It was great at the time, but it's really difficult to connect devices to it as it only has 1 HDMI port. If it had more HDMI ports it would be easier to attach more devices. I also really like the new super thin TVs. If I bought one of them, I'd be able to mount it on the wall and that would look really cool. Also, some of the new TVs have Skype and a webcam built in. If I got one of those, I wouldn't have to use my laptop for Skype, and I could just Skype with people from my couch. That would be nice.

I picked up a new phone at the same time I got my tablet, and I must say I'm very pleased. It's ultra-slim, stylish and has tremendous performance for such a small handheld device. Although, my one complaint is that the battery life is next to nothing. It burns through the battery like it's nothing. That is the one beef I have with it; otherwise, I'm satisfied. If I got an additional battery, I wouldn't need to be too concerned as I'd always have a backup.

The big decision I have to consider now is whether to upgrade my office computer. If I bought a new laptop, I'd solve a number of performance issues I have now. If I opted for additional memory, I could run many programs simultaneously with no issues whatsoever. I need to be sure to consider quality, as the last model I got was not all it was cracked up to be. If I factored in all my needs and requirements, I'm sure I'd find something to fit my budget and meet my needs.

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Answer the questions below

1. What would he do if he won the lottery?
2. What could he connect if he bought a wireless router?
3. What could he do if his TV had more HDMI ports?
4. What would he do if his TV had Skype built in?
5. What wouldn't he need to do if he got an additional phone battery?
6. If he bought a new laptop, what issues would it solve?
7. What could he do if he opted for a PC with additional memory?
8. How many examples of the 2nd conditional can you find?

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