⯈ Le subjonctif

Le subjonctif n'existe quasiment plus en anglais. On en trouve des restes dans certaines formules avec "if + to be", et dans certaines phrases fixes. (Dans bon nombre de cas, le subjonctif est remplacé par le modal "would", pour exprimer le conditionnel.)

> Avec "if + to be" : quoiqu'on accepte aussi l'indicatif (langue familière), il est considéré plus correct d'utiliser la forme "were" (au lieu de "was") aux première et troisième personnes du pluriel :

If I **were** Muriel, I'd never go back there. (Si j'étais Muriel, je n'y retournerai jamais.)
If she **were** alone, I'd stop by to see her. (Si elle était seule, je passerai la voir.)
He acts as if he **were** crazy. (Il se démène comme s'il était fou.)

> Dans tous les autres cas, la règle est simple: il suffit d'utiliser le "subjonctif prétérit" ou "prétérit modal":

If I **had** enough money, I would buy a big house.

> Il existe également de nombreuses phrases fixes et proverbes, qui utilisent le subjonctif présent ou prétérit:

God **help** us! (Dieu nous préserve !)
Long **live** the king! (Vive le roi !)
Would that I **were** free! (Si seulement j'étais libre !)

⯈ TEST

Exprimer une condition en reliant logiquement un éléemnt de la colonne A vec un élément de la colonne B. Ex: If she had time, she would visit you.

A	B
a. She had time.	1. She would visit you.
b. John didn't know this beautiful girl.	2. She wouldn't eat at McDonald's every day.
c. They spent too much time on the beach.	3. He wouldn't invite her out.
d. Betty liked exotic food.	4. I would send you a postcard.
e. There was enough snow.	5. It would be cheaper.
f. You travelled by bus.	6. They would get sunburnt.
g. I had your address.	7. You would go skiing.

REPONSES a1. If she had time, she would visit you. **b3.** If John didn't know this beautiful girl, he wouldn't invite her out. **c6.** If they spent too much time on the beach, they would get sunburnt. **d2.** If Betty liked exotic food, she wouldn't eat at McDonald's every day. **e7.** If there was enough snow, you would go skiing. **f5.** If you travelled by bus, it would be cheaper. **g4.** If I had your address, I would send you a postcard.