Functions

Here is a list of six functions. (Write them on the board.)

prediction, offer, warning, threat, advice, suggestions

I'm going to dictate six sentences. Write them down and decide which function they have. (Read out the sentences in a different order; they appear in the same order as the functions.)

- 1 If we don't leave now, we'll miss the train.
- 2 If you want, I'll do the dishes.
- 3 If you touch that wire, you'll get an electric shock.
- 4 If you don't stop doing that, I'll get angry.
- 5 If you explain why you did it, he'll understand.
- 6 If you turn it round the other way, it'll fit.

In pairs, compare your answers. Then write another conditional sentence for each function.

▶ In groups, think of some situations where people make bargains with each other. Write an appropriate *If* ... sentence for each. Read out your sentences for other groups to guess who is speaking to whom, e.g. *If you're good, I'll buy you an ice-cream* (parent to child).

Anxiety role-plays

Work in pairs, A and B. Student A is very adventurous; Student B is very anxious. In your pairs, role-play a discussion between two good friends about the situation I give you, e.g.

- A I'm going to tour the Amazon.
- B What will you do if you catch malaria?
- A Don't worry. If I catch malaria, I'll go to see a local doctor.
- B But what if you're in the middle of the jungle?
- A If I'm in the jungle, I'll see an Amazonian Indian doctor.
- B What will happen if you get lost?
- A If I get lost ...
 - 1 You are going on holiday to South America, where you will spend six months taking photographs of the wildlife and landscapes, including the jungles, mountains, sea and desert.
 - 2 You are giving up a well-paid job to become an art student in Paris.
 - 3 You are getting married to a singer in a rock and roll band that has a reputation for very bad behaviour.