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a) Tim is telling Lucy about a problem. Read about the problem.



I've got a friend in the next village. His name is Benny. His birthday is on Thursday and I've got an invitation to his party.

I would really like to go because after the party there's a junior disco. But there's a problem. It isn't easy to get to Benny's house. His parents have a nice house with a big garden, but it's at the end of the village. I'll have to go there by bus, because my dad can't take me on that day, and there aren't many buses to the village. I'll have to come home by bus because my dad won't be in Bristol. He'll be in London.

And there's another problem. The last bus from Benny's village goes at 9.30, and the junior disco won't finish before 10 o'clock. If I stay till the end, I won't get the last bus. And I'll have to walk to the bus alone, and it will be dark.

Mum doesn't think that's a good idea. All Benny's friends want to stay till the end of the disco because they don't live far away. Benny says I can stay the

night at his house, but how will I get to school the next morning? I'll have to get up very early. If I don't get the bus, I'll get to school too late for the first lesson. My French teacher will be cross again, and I'll have to do extra homework. Then my friends will go to the cinema without me. I don't know what to do.

b) Right or wrong? Tick (✓) the correct box.

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| 1 Tim has got an invitation to Benny's party. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Benny's parents have a nice house with a garden in Bristol. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Tim's dad can take him to Benny's house. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 If Tim stays to the end of the party, he'll get the last bus home. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 If he doesn't get the last bus, he'll have to stay the night at Benny's house. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 If he stays at Benny's house, he won't have to get up early. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 He won't be late for school on the next day. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 If Tim is late for school, the teacher will give him extra homework. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 If Tim gets extra homework, he'll have to stay at home in the evening. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 If he has to stay at home, his friends won't go to the cinema. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- c) **Extra** What will happen if...? Write four sentences with *If...* about Tim's problem in your exercise book.
If Tim goes to the party, he'll have to go there by bus.