

Input - Old Wives' Tales - Conditions and possible consequences

- 1) Read the information in the two columns and match the beginnings to the endings of the Old Wives' Tales. Compare your answers with your partner's.

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| _____ | _____ |
| a) If you crack your knuckles, | () you will get your hair curly. |
| b) If you want to swim, | () you will get cured from the cold. |
| c) If you swallow gum, | () you will have acne. |
| d) If you eat chocolate, | () you will have to wait for an hour after eating. |
| e) If you eat crusts of a sandwich, | () you will get a cold. |
| f) If you don't eat enough green vegetables or calcium, | () it will stay in your stomach for seven years. |
| g) If you open an umbrella indoors, | () you will have arthritis. |
| h) If you get out with wet hair, | () you will have bad luck. |
| i) If you eat chicken soup, | () you will get white spots on the fingernails. |

- 2) Analyze the sentences you have just matched and answer the following questions/do the following activities:
- Which column represents conditions? Which one represents possible consequences? How do you know that?
 - Write *conditions* and *possible consequences* in the appropriate column.
 - What do these statements have in common?
 - Is there a negative statement? Which one? How is it different from the others?
- 3) Read the two examples below. Underline the condition and circle the possible consequence. What difference can you spot in the order of the statements?
- If you sit too close to the TV, you will have eye diseases.*
 - You will get a cold if you go outside wearing not enough clothes.*
- 4) Focus on the statements below. Now that you are familiarized with the *if-clauses* to express conditions and possible consequences, can you write the rules for their affirmative, negative and interrogative forms?

Affirmative form:

If you eat chocolate, you will have acne.

_____ + _____ + _____, + _____ + _____ + _____.

Negative form:

If you don't eat chocolate, you won't have acne.

_____ + _____ + _____ + _____, + _____ + _____ +
_____.

Interrogative form:

Will I have acne if I eat chocolate?

_____ + _____ + _____, + _____ + _____ + _____?