

What Would You Do? (ABC News, USA), "Too Young to Shoot Guns?"

Introduction

- 1) Does your country have strict gun laws?
- 2) Can children use guns in your country?
- 3) What do you know about gun regulation in the USA?
- 4) Do you believe that everyone has the right to "bear arms" (= have a gun)?
- 5) What do you think of the following quotes?

"Guns don't kill people, people kill people...somebody has to pull the trigger."

"Teaching a child how to shoot at a young age is the best form of firearm safety."

"Other people have no business telling you how to be a good parent."

"To prevent accidental shootings you need training and supervision."

Video, "Too Young to Shoot Guns?"

Watch the first part of the video (00:00 - 01:25) and mark the statements true or false.

- 1) On average, a child dies in an accidental shooting every three days in the USA.
- 2) The instructor who the nine year old girl accidentally shot survived the accident.
- 3) The gun shop in the film is in California.
- 4) It is legal in every state of the USA for a child to use a gun.
- 5) The child in the film is ten years old.

You are going to watch a video taking place in an American gun shop. Three actors are going to create a scene to see what the reaction of the public will be. The three actors are:



The father. He is in the shop because he wants to buy his son a gun.



The son. It's his birthday and he is excited to get a gun.



Another customer. She sees the child with the gun and tries to protest.

Watch the video for the first time and **match** the customers with what happens:



This customer thinks the father should consider buying a smaller gun.



This customer is already teaching his son to shoot.



This customer thinks the gun is a perfect birthday present.



This customer compares using a gun to using a pencil.



This customer thinks that with responsible parenting children are safe to use guns.

Grammar, "What would you do?"

The question above uses the **second conditional** to talk about **hypothetical situations**. The scenario in the film is not an ordinary daily situation, but we can imagine ourselves in the situation and talk about what our actions would be.

If + subject + past form,
If I was in this situation,

subject + would + verb (infinitive without "to").
I wouldn't say anything.

Look at the following examples and write down if you agree or disagree then explain your decision to a partner, remember to use the second conditional.

"If I went into a gun shop and a father was buying his son a gun, I would be concerned."

"I would be scared to say something if I was in this situation."

"If I were the shopkeeper, I would ask the father more questions before selling the gun."

"If I was offered a job in a gun shop, I wouldn't take it."

"If there was a shooting in my neighbourhood, I would consider buying a gun."

"If the US government introduced stricter gun laws, I would protest."

Extension

You are going to watch more videos in this series. Before you watch decide what you would do in the scenario then watch the video and underline which of the options actually happen.



<https://youtu.be/tb-Kj-olu8I>

This US war veteran can't afford to buy food for his family in a supermarket after his credit card is declined. He has cash but is \$8 short.

Would you:

- give the man the \$8.
- mind your own business.
- offer to pay for everything on your credit card.
- something else.



<https://youtu.be/LuHFf7Er0ac>

This woman is intentionally damaging cans etc. in the supermarket so she can get a discount.

Would you:

- tell a shop assistant.
- mind your own business.
- help the woman.
- tell her she should stop.
- something else.



<https://youtu.be/mt1JfmFb6Xg>

These children are trying to get a homeless man to do degrading things for \$10.

Would you:

- call the police.
- film the incident on your phone and send it to the news.
- pay the homeless man \$10 to insult the kids.
- something else.