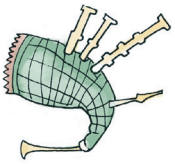
3 If you had married Steve, you would be well off! — Yes, but I married Anthony and we are happy.— Sure, money can't buy you love.
4 If you had learned English in your childhood, you would now speak very good English.— I know, but I learned Japanese instead. It's no worse.
5 If you had met Picasso, you would never forget this eccentric person.— If I had met Picasso, I could be an artist now.— Do you have a talent?
6 If you had put the money in the bank, you would have a good sum now.— Unfortunately, I did not.— Why? — I needed money to pay the mortgage.

8 Answer the questions.

1 What if you had not gone to school at all?
2 What if you had been born in a different country?
3 What if you had been born a genius?
4 What if you had married very early?

VOCABULARY

Arts and traditions



- colourful, splendid, magnificent, gorgeous, peaceful, lyrical, energetic
- (monthly / annual) event, wedding / tea / coffee ceremony, (classical) music / folk art festival
- customs and traditions, ancient art / traditions / pottery, cuisine traditions, exotic recipes, folklore, legends, beliefs, myths, fairy tales, ritual — ritual dances, purification of the soul

9 Practise the conversations.

1 Have you been to Morocco? — Not yet.— Pity, you haven't seen Moroccan dances.— Are they special? — Well, they are very different — lyrical and energetic.
2 Have you tasted Pakistani cuisine? — Yes, a couple of times.— And? — Very spicy! I drank more water than ate food.— And jokes aside? — It's worth trying!
3 Have you seen a marriage ceremony in India? — Yes, very colourful.— What did you like most of all? — I liked Indian singing and dancing.
4 Do you know this tea ceremony is very old? — I would imagine! — Everything is very symbolic.— What does drinking tea mean? — Purification of the soul!
5 I'm just back from the music festival in Edinburgh.— How was it? — It was gorgeous! — What did you enjoy most of all? — The symphony orchestra.
6 Have you been to the Tibetan temples? — Yes. We were taken on a tour.— What impressed you most of all? — Tibetan monks. They looked so peaceful.

10 Group the words in two.

paintings, ceremony, cuisine, church, legend, temples, folk art, monastery, religion, festival, pottery, folklore, art, craft, myth, event, beliefs, monks, recipes, architecture, priest, ritual