EURO-MILLION DILEMMA

One morning in 2006, Jim Farley was outside a Dublin bank when five bundles of cash fell from a security van which was driving away. He took them home and kept them for two days before phoning the bank. He rang from a payphone in a terrible state of anxiety as he didn’t know what to do. The security director persuaded him to hand in the money. It came to almost €1,000,000.

PARIS MÉTRO RESCUE

Jean LeBois was waiting for his métro train with his son, Roger, aged four. Suddenly, a man collapsed on the platform and then fell onto the tracks. A train was approaching and LeBois had to make a split-second decision whether to help. He leapt off the platform and pressed the man into the space between the tracks. Five carriages went overhead before the train stopped. Both men emerged safe to the applause of the onlookers.

B Read the articles again and complete the sentences.

1 If Jim ________________(not walk) by the bank that day, he ________________(not see) the money.
2 His call ________________(race) if he ________________(phone) from a mobile.
3 If he ________________(not come forward) with the money, it’s possible that the police ________________(never find) it.
4 He ________________(keep) the money if he ________________(not speak) to the security director.
5 Jim ________________(be) rich now if he ________________(keep) the money.
6 The man ________________(not fall) off the platform if he ________________(not collapse).
7 If the train ________________(stop), Jean ________________(not leap) onto the tracks.
8 The man ________________(be) dead now if Jean ________________(not jump) onto the tracks.
9 If the space ________________(not be) quite deep, both men ________________(kill) by the train.
10 If Jean ________________(have) more time to think, he probably ________________(not jump).

2 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1 I didn’t know who he was so I didn’t ask him for an autograph.
HIM
If I’d known who he was, I ________________ for an autograph.

2 You feel sick now because you ate too much.
SICK
You ________________ if you had eaten less.

3 Anya’s skis weren’t very good and this could be the reason she didn’t win the race.
MIGHT
Anya ________________ if she’d had better skis.

4 The ambulance took a long time. Is that why they couldn’t save him?
COULD
If the ambulance had got here sooner, ________________ saved?

5 You’re living in a one-bedroom flat today because you didn’t take my advice.
LIVING
If you’d taken my advice, ________________ in a one-bedroom flat today.

6 You weren’t paying attention and so you didn’t hear what I said.
IF
You would have heard what I said ________________ attention.

7 Angie left the sat nav behind and we’re lost.
LOST
We wouldn’t ________________ remembered the sat nav!

8 In my situation, what other choices were there?
YOU
What ________________ if you’d been in my situation?

3A 8.1 Listen and write the phrases you hear.

1 ________________
2 ________________
3 ________________

B Listen again and mark the stressed words and any examples of weak forms with /əv/. Then listen and repeat.