

High-Intermediate 2
Unit 1 Reading
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Two candidates are running for mayor of a large city. Read their statements from their campaign fliers.

run for = compete for

campaign = a series of activities to achieve a particular goal

flier (American) = **flyer** (British) = a small piece of paper with information on it about a product or event

CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

DANIEL BAKER

Party: Democrat

Occupation: Mayor

Background: City Clerk, State Assemblyman, attorney

Education: Yale Law School, LL.B.; Howard University, B.S. cum laude

city clerk = a public officer charged with recording the official proceedings and vital statistics of a city

assembly = the local parliament

assemblyman = a male member of the assembly

attorney = lawyer

LL.B. = Bachelor of Laws

LL.B stands for "Legum Baccalaureus," which is Latin for "Bachelor of Laws." It's an undergraduate degree in law that is awarded in many countries. The term "LL." stands for "legum" (the plural form of "lex," meaning law), and "B" stands for "Baccalaureus," which translates to bachelor. Essentially, it signifies that the person has completed their first degree in the study of law.

B.S. = Bachelor of Science

cum laude = with distinction

The title "cum laude" is used to honor students who have achieved academic excellence upon graduation. It's a Latin term that means "with praise" or "with honor." There are three common levels of honors used in many universities, and they are:

1. **Cum Laude:** This is the lowest level of honors and means "with praise." It is awarded to students who have met certain GPA or academic criteria set by the institution.
2. **Magna Cum Laude:** This means "with great praise" and is a higher level of honors than cum laude. It is awarded to students who have achieved a higher level of academic excellence.

3. **Summa Cum Laude:** This is the highest level of honors and means "with highest praise." It is awarded to students who have achieved the highest academic excellence.

These honors are often indicated on the diploma and are sometimes mentioned during graduation ceremonies.

University Degrees:

Associate's Degree
Bachelor's Degree
Master's Degree
Doctor's Degree = PhD

Here's a brief overview of each degree:

Associate's Degree

- **Duration:** Typically 2 years.
- **Purpose:** Provides foundational knowledge and skills in a particular field.
- **Common Types:** Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), Associate of Applied Science (AAS).
- **Path:** Often a stepping stone to a Bachelor's Degree or entry-level employment.

Bachelor's Degree

- **Duration:** Typically 3-4 years.
- **Purpose:** Offers in-depth study in a specific area along with general education.
- **Common Types:** Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA).
- **Path:** Prepares students for various careers or advanced studies (e.g., Master's or Professional degrees).

Master's Degree

- **Duration:** Typically 1-2 years beyond a Bachelor's Degree.
- **Purpose:** Provides specialized knowledge and research opportunities in a particular field.
- **Common Types:** Master of Arts (MA), Master of Science (MS), Master of Business Administration (MBA).
- **Path:** Can lead to advanced professional roles, higher salary potential, or further study (e.g., Doctoral programs).

Doctor's Degree (PhD)

- **Duration:** Typically 3-7 years beyond a Master's Degree.
- **Purpose:** Focuses on original research, advanced knowledge, and academic expertise in a specific field.
- **Common Types:** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Doctor of Education (EdD), Doctor of Business Administration (DBA).
- **Path:** Prepares individuals for academic, research, and high-level professional positions.

Each of these degrees serves different purposes and aligns with various career and educational goals.

Four years ago, I promised to create a government that you could count on. Today, after four years as mayor of this great city, I am proud to say that we have come a long way. But the job is not finished. **If I am reelected, we will finish the work we started four years ago.**

create = form; make; establish

count on = rely on; depend on

if I am reelected = if people choose me again (as the mayor of the city)

My first priority is education. In the next ten years, there will be millions of new jobs in this country. **Many of those jobs could be filled by citizens of our city if we prepare them.** But **they won't be ready unless we improve our school system now.**

priority = prime concern; main consideration

education = teaching and learning

unless we improve = if we don't improve

What is the difference between "can" and "could" in the main clause of conditional sentences type I?

In type I conditional sentences, "can" and "could" can both be used in the main clause, but they convey different meanings:

1. **Can:** This suggests a real and possible outcome in the present or future. It implies that something is definitely within the realm of possibility if the condition is met.
 - Example: "If you study hard, you can pass the exam." (It's possible for you to pass the exam if you study hard.)
2. **Could:** This suggests a more hypothetical or less certain outcome. It implies that something is possible but not as assured or direct as with "can."
 - Example: "If you study hard, you could pass the exam." (There's a possibility you might pass the exam if you study hard, but it's not as certain as with "can.")

My second priority is housing. **It won't do any good to provide jobs if people continue to live in bad conditions.** We must rebuild housing in our city neighborhoods. My opponent talks about a "war on crime." I agree that violent crime is a problem. But **we're not going to solve the social problems in this city unless we house people better.**

Housing /'hau.zɪŋ/ = buildings for people to live in

provide = offer; supply

opponent = rival; competitor

house _(v.) /haʊz/ = accommodate; provide a house for

If our city offers an educated work force, business will thrive here. This will provide more money to rebuild housing. If our citizens have decent homes, then our neighborhoods will become healthy again. These problems won't go away quickly. But if we work together, we will solve them. I urge everyone to get out and vote on election day. Unless you vote, you will not have a say in the future of our great city.

thrive = flourish = be successful; grow

decent = suitable, proper

urge = highly recommend

unless you vote = if you don't vote

MAYORAL CANDIDATE

GABRIELA SOTO

Party: Republican

Occupation: City Comptroller

Background: District Attorney, lawyer

Education: U.C.L.A. Law School, LL.B.; U.S.C., B.A.

comptroller = controller = a person who is in charge of the financial accounts of a company

District Attorney = the top prosecutor in a particular area

U.C.L.A. = University of California at Los Angeles

U.S.C. = University of Southern California

B.A. = Bachelor of Arts

Today, street crime has made many people afraid to leave their homes. If I am elected, I will give neighborhoods back to their citizens. A lot of this violence is being committed by young offenders. My administration will say to them: If you want to stay out of trouble, we will help you do that. But if you do the crime, you'll do the time. If you commit a violent crime, you will go to jail and serve your full sentence.

offender = criminal

do the time = be imprisoned

jail = prison

sentence = punishment

If I become your mayor, I will put more police on the streets and set up a cooperative program between police and communities. Together we will fight for every street and every house, and together we will win. This will be my first priority if I am elected.

set up = establish, form

But our young people won't avoid crime unless they have hope for their futures. That's why my second priority as mayor will be to bring businesses back to our city. My opponent raised taxes as soon as he took office four years ago. As a result, many businesses left town. If we lower

taxes, they will return. If businesses return, our youth will have the hope of finding jobs. And if they have hope, they will not turn to a life of crime.

unless they have hope ... = if they don't have hope ...

take office = come to power

youth = young people

youth = being young

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Sample Summary:

Daniel Baker, the Democratic incumbent mayor, emphasizes education and housing as his priorities, aiming to prepare citizens for future jobs and improve living conditions to address social issues. He believes that an educated workforce and decent housing will revitalize neighborhoods and boost business growth. Gabriela Soto, the Republican challenger, focuses on combating street crime by increasing police presence and fostering community cooperation. She also plans to lower taxes to attract businesses back to the city, providing hope and job opportunities for youth to deter them from crime. Both candidates urge citizens to vote, highlighting their visions for the city's future.

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