

GWERS 86

CYFLWYNYDD: BASIL DAVIES

NOD: Looking again at the 'taswn i' forms. (Gweler Gwers 60)

Geirfa

llyfrgell f	-	library	oriel f	-	gallery
eglwys(i) f	-	church(es)	pont(ydd) f	-	bridge(s)
eglwys	-	cathedral	abaty	-	abbey
gadeiriol f			môr	-	sea
tŵr	-	tower	lle(oedd)	-	place(s)
asgell f	-	wing	cyfrifiadur	-	computer
swyddfa f	-	office	cyfle	-	opportunity
anrheg	-	present	persawr	-	perfume
arian / pres	-	money	hydref	-	autumn
gwanwyn	-	spring	dros y môr	-	overseas
hwyr	-	late	cynnar	-	early
diddorol	-	interesting	cyfoethog	-	wealthy, rich
enwog	-	famous			
ymddeol	-	to retire	gallu	-	to be able to
ennill	-	to win	defnyddio	-	to use
bwrw eira	-	to snow	aros	-	to stay
bod	-	to be	teithio	-	to travel
plannu	-	to plant	ennill	-	to win
ymfudo	-	to emigrate	prynu	-	to buy
symud	-	to move	gwerthu	-	to sell
colli'r bws	-	to miss the bus	colli'r trêñ	-	to miss the train
dal y bws	-	to catch the bus	dal y trêñ	-	to catch the train
symud i fyw i'r wlad	-				to move to live in the country
prynu tŷ mawr	-				to buy a large house
ymfudo i Awstralia	-				to emigrate to Australia
ennill y Loteri Cenedlaethol	-				to win the National Lottery
ennill llawer o arian	-				to win a lot of money
arbed amser	-				to save time
arbed trafferth	-				to save trouble

RHAN 1

1. taswn i - if I were (to)

Taswn i'n mynd i . . .	-	If I were to go to . . .
Taswn i'n ymddeol . . .	-	If I were to retire . . .
Taswn i'n byw yn . . .	-	If I were to live in . . .

In English this' **if**' is often followed by the **Past Tense** of the verb in everyday speech. But take care - this is **NOT** really a Past Tense sentence

Taswn i'n mynd i . . .	-	If I went to (i.e. If I were to go to)
Taswn i'n ymddeol . . .	-	If I retired (i.e. If I were to retire)
Taswn i'n byw yn . . .	-	If I lived (i.e. If I were to live in . . .)

Taswn i'n mynd i Lundain, fe faswn i eisiau mynd i weld Eglwys Gadeiriol Sain Paul ac Abaty Westminster.

- **If I were to go** (If I went) to London, **I would** want to go to see St Paul's Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

Taswn i'n mynd i Baris, fe faswn i'n gweld Tŵr Eiffel.

- **If I were to go** (If I went) to Paris, **I'd** see the Eiffel Tower.

Fe faswn i'n gweld y Grand Canyon, taswn i'n mynd i America.

- **I'd** see the Grand Canyon, **if I were to go** (if I went) to America.

Fe faswn i eisiau mynd i'r Kremlin, taswn i'n mynd i Moscow.

- **I'd** want to go to the Kremlin, **if I were to go** (if I went) to Moscow.

2. You've noticed, that just like English, the 'taswn i' pattern can come at the beginning of the sentence - or in the middle

Taswn i'n ennill y Loteri, fe faswn i'n prynu Ferrari.

- **If I were to win** (If I won) the Lottery, I would buy a Ferrari.

Fe faswn i'n prynu Ferrari, **taswn i'n ennill y Loteri.**

- I would buy a Ferrari, **if I were to win** (If I won) the Lottery.

3. Taswn i ti / Taswn i chi - If I were you

This is a useful phrase to know - we all like to give advice!

Taswn i ti, fe faswn i'n prynu car newydd.

- **If I were you**, I'd buy a new car.

Taswn i chi, mi faswn i'n mynd i'r gwely'n gynnar.

- **If I were you**, I'd go to bed early.

4. eisiau

This is the only verb which does NOT require 'yn' in front of it

fe faswn i eisiau
but fe faswn i'n mynd

taswn i eisiau
but taswn i'n gweld

5. tasai e(o)/ hi - if he / she were (to)
tasai'r gwesty - if the hotel were (to)

tasai hi'n mynd	-	if she were to go (if she went)
tasai e (o)'n gallu	-	if he were able to (if he could)
tasai'r plant yn dod	-	if the children were to come (if the children came)

Tasai fy merch yn gallu defnyddio cyfrifiadur, **fe fasai hi'n gallu** gweithio mewn swyddfa.

- **If my daughter were** able to use a computer, **she would be** able to work in an office.

Fe fasai John yn hoffi dysgu Sbaeneg, **tasai e'n cael y cyfle**.

- **John would** like to learn Spanish, **if he were to** have (if he had) the opportunity.

Mi fasai Mary wrth ei bodd, **tasai hi'n cael persawr yn anrheg**.

- **Mary would be** in her element, **if she were to** have (if she had) perfume as a present.

6. Remember that there is no neutral 'it' in Welsh. We use '**e (o)**' or '**hi**'. When referring to **TIME** and the **WEATHER** we use the feminine '**hi**'.

Tasai hi'n braf, fe fasen ni'n mynd i lan y môr.

- **If it were** fine, we'd go to the seaside.

Mi faswn i'n aros yn y tŷ, **tasai hi'n bwrw eira**.

- I'd stay in the house, **if it were to** snow.

Tasai hi'n bwrw eira, fe fasai'r plant wrth eu bodd.

- **If it were to** snow, the children would be in their element.

7. When using the '**taswn**' forms, adjectives such as the following are useful:

yn dalach	-	taller	yn gyflymach	-	faster
yn deneuach	-	thinner	yn llai swnllyd	-	less noisy

Tasai e'n dalach, fe fasai e'n gallu bod yn blismon.

- If he were **taller**, he could be a policeman.

Tasai John yn gyflymach, fe fasai e'n gallu chwarae ar yr asgell.

- If John **were faster**, he would be able to play on the wing.

8. I'm sure that you've noticed that we can place a verb after this pattern

Taswn i'n mynd	-	if I were to go
Tasai hi'n gweld	-	if she were to see

Or we can place an adjective

Taswn i'n oer	-	if I were cold
Tasai Tom yn dalach	-	if Tom were taller

9. You don't have to keep the same person of the verb in both halves of the sentence.

fe faswn i . . .	taswn i . . .
fe fasai hi . . .	tasai hi . . .

Any persons can be used:

fe faswn i . . .	tasai hi . . .
	tasai Tom . . .
fe fasai Tom . . .	taswn i . . .

10. Remember that we use the 3rd person **singular** form of the verb even with a **plural noun**

Tasai'r plant yn dod adref o'r ysgol nawr, fe faswn i'n gallu mynd i siopa.

- **If the children were to** come (if the children came) home from school now, I would be able to (could) go shopping.

RHAN 2

1. **tasen ni** - **if we were (to)**

tasen ni'n mynd	-	if we were to go (if we went)
tasen ni'n fwy cyfoethog	-	if we were richer.

Fe fasen ni'n mynd i lan y môr, tasai hi'n braf yfory.

- **We would** go to the seaside, **if it were** fine tomorrow.

Fe fasen ni'n hwyr i'r gwaith, tasen ni'n colli trêñ wyth o'r gloch.

- **We'd be** late for work, **if we were to** miss (if we missed) the 8 o'clock train.

Tasen ni'n dal y bws hanner awr wedi saith, fe fasen ni'n gynnar i'r gwaith.

- **If we were to** catch (if we caught) the 7.30 bus, **we'd be** early for work.

2. **tasen nhw** - **if they were (to)**

tasen nhw'n prynu	-	if they were to buy (if they bought)
tasen nhw'n dod	-	if they were to come (if they came)

Tasen **nhw**'n teithio ar y trêñ i Lundain, **fe fasen nhw**'n arbed trafferth ac amser.

- **If they were to** travel (if they travelled) by train to London,
they'd save trouble and time.

Fe fasai daffodils yn yr ardd yn y gwanwyn, **tasen nhw**'n plannu'r bylbiau yn yr hydref.

- **There would be** daffodils in the garden in spring, **if they were to** plant (if they planted) the bulbs in the autumn.

3. **taset ti** - **if you were (to)**

taset ti 'n ennill	-	if you were to win (i.e. if you won)
taset ti 'n ymfudo	-	if you were to emigrate (i.e. if you emigrated)

Beth **faset ti'n** (ei) wneud, **taset ti**'n ennill y Loteri Cenedlaethol?

- What **would you do, if you were to** win (if you won) the National Lottery?

4. **tasech chi** - **if you were (to)**

tasech chi 'n dalach	-	if you were taller
tasech chi 'n dost/sâl	-	if you were ill

Fasech chi'n prynu tŷ mawr, **tasech chi**'n gyfoethog?

- **Would you buy** a large house, **if you were** rich?

5. The 'taswn' forms echo the 'baswn' forms

Fe/Mi faswn i . . .	taswn i
faset ti . . .	taset ti
fasai e(o)/hi . . .	tasai e(o)/hi
fasen ni . . .	tasen ni
fasech chi . . .	tasech chi
fasen nhw . . .	tasen nhw

6. Sgwrs

Nigel: 'Tasech chi'n cael y cyfle i fynd dros y môr, ble basech chi'n hoffi mynd?

Basil: 'Taswn i'n cael yr amser a'r arian i fynd dros y môr, fe faswn i'n hoffi mynd i Efrog Newydd.

Nigel: Beth fasech chi'n (ei) weld yno?

Basil: Fe faswn i'n gweld lleoedd enwog fel The Statue of Liberty a Central Park. 'Tasai hi'n braf, fe faswn i'n hoffi mynd am dro o gwmpas Central Park.

Nigel: Beth am Broadway?

Basil: 'Tasech chi'n talu'r bil, fe faswn i'n hoffi aros mewn gwesty yn Broadway, ac yn y nos fe faswn i'n gallu mynd i weld sioe.

Efrog Newydd	- New York	lleoedd enwog	- famous places
am dro	- for a walk	o gwmpas	- around
Beth am?	- what about?	sioe	- show

