

Second Conditional

if + past simple ! ' would + infinitive

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KEY RULE:

Second Conditional = if + past simple, would + infinitive. Use for hypothetical/unreal situations.

1 Choose the correct form

EASY

Choose the correct form for second conditional.

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| 1. If I had more money, I ____ travel around Asia. | 2. If she ____ harder, she'd get better results. |
| 3. He'd buy a car if he ____ enough money. | 4. If I were you, I ____ take that job in Berlin. |
| 5. They ____ win more if they trained properly. | 6. If she ____ taller, she could play in the team. |
| 7. What ____ you do if you lost your job? | 8. I ____ be so nervous if I knew people here. |
| 9. If the lake ____ warmer, we'd swim at dawn. | 10. She'd speak Italian better if she ____ daily. |

2 First or Second Conditional?

MEDIUM

Choose the correct tense.

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| 1. If I ____ a million euros, I'd buy a flat. (unlikely) | 2. If it ____ tomorrow, we'll cancel. (rain forecast) |
| 3. I'd be happy if I ____ this job. (300 applied) | 4. If she ____ now, she'll catch the bus. (possible) |
| 5. What would you do if you ____ invisible? (impossible) | 6. If he ____ before six, he'll help us. (planned) |
| 7. If I ____ you, I wouldn't reply tonight. (advice) | 8. If you ____ me, I'll drive you to the airport. |
| 9. She'd pass if she ____ the questions properly. | 10. If he ____ his phone, he'll call back. (likely) |

3 Write the correct form

HARD

Write the correct second conditional form.

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| 1. If I ____ (be) taller, I'd still be bad at basketball. | 2. She'd travel more if she ____ (have) weeks off. |
| 3. If he ____ (not/be) so shy, he'd make friends. | 4. What would you buy if you ____ (win) the lottery? |
| 5. I ____ (not/eat) there if I were you. | 6. If my parents ____ (live) closer, we'd visit them. |
| 7. She ____ (be) happier if she left that agency. | 8. If I ____ (speak) better French, I'd apply to Lyon. |
| 9. He ____ (help) you if you asked him. | 10. If the weather ____ (be) kinder, we'd cycle to work. |

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First or Second? Mixed challenge

HARDER

Choose first or second conditional form.

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| 1. The sky looks heavy. If it ____, I'll stay inside. | 2. Marco daydreams. If he ____ a rock star... |
| 3. Flatmate may lend her bike. If she ____ it, I'll cycle. | 4. A friend hates his job. If I ____ him, I would quit. |
| 5. Nina revises every evening. If she ____, she'll pass. | 6. Tom is stuck in traffic. If he ____ fly, no more jams. |
| 7. 70% chance of snow. If it ____, the school will close. | 8. Yuki is a beginner. If she ____ Japanese fluently... |
| 9. The meeting may be off. If it ____, we'll have an hour. | 10. Imagine no borders. If everyone ____ each other... |

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Second conditional

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| 1 would | 6 was/were |
| 2 worked | 7 would |
| 3 had | 8 wouldn't |
| 4 would | 9 was/were |
| 5 would | 10 practised |

2 Exercise 2 1st or 2nd conditional

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| 1 won | 6 arrives |
| 2 rains | 7 were |
| 3 got | 8 ask |
| 4 leaves | 9 read |
| 5 were | 10 finds |

3 Exercise 3 Written forms

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| 1 were | 6 lived |
| 2 had | 7 would be |
| 3 weren't | 8 spoke |
| 4 won | 9 would help |
| 5 wouldn't eat | 10 were |

4 Exercise 4 1st or 2nd form

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| 1 rains | 6 could |
| 2 were | 7 snows |
| 3 lends | 8 spoke |
| 4 were | 9 is cancelled |
| 5 studies | 10 respected |