

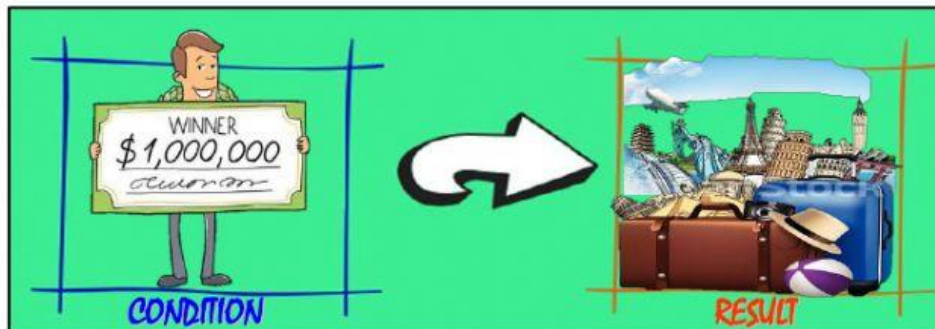
SECOND CONDITIONAL

Second Conditional



The second conditional is used to **imagine present or future situations** that are **impossible** or **unlikely in reality**. Conditional sentences have two clauses.

The situation can be:



If I **won** the lottery, I **would travel** around the world.

-or-

I **would travel** around the world if I **won** the lottery.

To make a sentence in the second conditional, we use

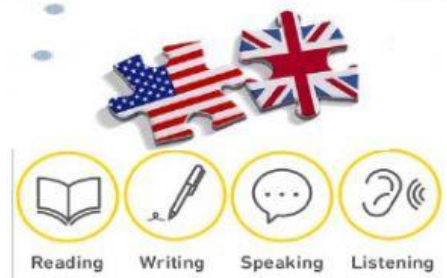
IF + Past Simple, Present Conditional
(To be: use WERE) (would/wouldn't + Verb).

If I lived in a big city, I would go out more often.
If I had more free time, I would play more sport.

As with all conditionals, you can also invert this structure:

Present Conditional + IF + Past Simple
(would/wouldn't + Verb). (To be: use WERE)

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An exception about the verb 'to be'

When we use the verb 'to be' in the second conditional, the past form is always **were** for the subjects I, he, she and it. For example:

If I **were** rich, I'd buy a big house near the sea.

If he **were** my boss, I'd look for another job.

Fill with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. If a sheep got into your garden, it _____ (eat) all your plants
2. You _____ (not / pass) the exam if you didn't study harder.
3. If I were you, I _____ (not / open) that umbrella inside the house. It's bad luck!
4. I would love to visit Mexico if I _____ (have) the chance.
5. I _____ (write) a book if I had more free time.
6. You would be very healthy if you _____ (eat) an apple every day.
7. I wouldn't do that if I _____ (be) you.
8. If I _____ (have) a penny for each Coke I've ever drunk, I would be rich.
9. If the weather were better, we _____ (go) to the park.

Write the correct form of each verb to make second conditional sentences.

1. If I _____ (find) a wallet in the street, I _____ (give) it to the police.
2. We _____ (go) skiing if it _____ (snow).
3. If you _____ (see) him again, _____ (you/recognize) him?
4. If I _____ (have) a million dollars, I _____ (not / work) again.
5. If he _____ (not / be) a good player, he _____ (not / be) in the team.
6. _____ (he / do) me a favor if I _____ (ask) him?