

LESSON 18: SECOND CONDITIONAL

SECOND Conditional

If + Past Simple, Present Conditional.

If I won a million dollars, I would buy
a new car.

Use: Imaginary situations in the present
or future



If S + (V-ed/irregular), S + **would/could** + V(nguyên thể)...

PRACTICE

Exercise 1:

A different world

A teenage magazine asked readers to imagine a world that is different from the world they live in. Complete what they wrote, using the verbs in the box and the second conditional. Use short forms. You will need to use one of the choices more than once.

not eat not suffer help not be use not start do not like be

- 0 If people didn't start wars, the world would be a better place.
- 1 If everyone their cars less, there so much pollution.
- 2 If people more recycling, they the environment a lot.
- 3 People so unhealthy if they junk food.
- 4 People from stress if life so fast.
- 5 Celebrities popular if people reading about them.

Exercise 2:

It probably won't happen, but ...

Complete this extract from a magazine interview with an actor called Paul, using the words in brackets and the second conditional. Use short forms if possible.

- INTERVIEWER If you could have⁰ (you/can have) another job, what
.....¹ (it/be)?
- PAUL Well, if² (I/can be) a musician,³
(I/be) really happy. If⁴ (I/be) a good singer
or if⁵ (I/can play) an instrument really well,
.....⁶ (it/be) great.
- INTERVIEWER What instrument⁷ (you/play) if
.....⁸ (you/can choose) one?
- PAUL⁹ (I/love) to be a lead guitarist.¹⁰
(I/join) a band and¹¹
(I/play) really loud.¹² (I/stand) on the stage and
.....¹³ (I/enjoy) being a rock star. But of course, it's not
going to happen.



Exercise 3:

Different possibilities

Write the questions using the words given and the conditional form in brackets.
When you have completed the exercise, answer the questions.

0 you/get married/what kind of person/you/marry? (first)

..... If you get married, what kind of person will you marry?

1 you/can change your appearance/what/you/change? (second)

2 you/watch TV tonight, what/you/watch? (first)

3 you/go out tonight/where/you/go? (first)

4 you/can live in another country/where/you/live? (second)

5 you/have a lot of money/what/you/buy? (second)

6 you/learn to speak English well/how/you/use the language? (first)