



Wishes

The Second Conditional:

Grammar Second conditional

Second conditional sentences describe “unreal” or imaginary situations. Use a past tense verb in the if clause (the condition). Use would in the main clause.

What **would** you **do** if you **had** more money?

If I **had** more money, I **would buy** a camera.

Use were for the past tense of be in the condition.

Would you **travel** if you **were** rich?

Yes, I **would**.

No, I **wouldn't**.

Yes. If I **were** rich, I'd **travel** a lot.

No. I **wouldn't travel** a lot if I **were** rich.

Activity 1:

Complete the sentences with the corresponding verb form in parenthesis.

1. If I (**find**) _____ some money on the street, I (**take**) _____ to the police.
2. If my brother (**be**) _____ a famous actor, he (**earn**) _____ a lot of money.
3. Life (**be**) _____ different if we (**not have**) _____ telephones.
4. If I (**have**) _____ one wish, I (**ask**) _____ for a new car.
5. If we (**live**) _____ in the country, we (**have**) _____ more space.



Activity 2:

Instructions: Complete the following imaginary situations with what you think your partner would do.

**I think you would wish...
STUDENT A**

1. If you were given an unlimited amount of money, I think you would _____.
2. If you could have any job in the world, I think you _____.
3. If you could be any age for a week, I think you _____.

**I think you would wish...
STUDENT B**

1. If you could live anywhere in the world, I think you would _____.
2. If you could have a superpower, I think you _____.
3. If you had more money, I think you _____.