

Imaginary situations

I can talk about imaginary situations and things I would like to change.

1 Complete the second conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

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- 1 Your exam results would be much better if you _____ a bit harder.
- 2 If you moved to a new city, you _____ friends really quickly.
- 3 Homelessness wouldn't be such a big problem if the government _____ more to help.
- 4 I'd finish the housework a lot faster if you _____ me a hand with it!
- 5 Would she remember me if I _____ in touch after so many years?
- 6 You'd have more time for schoolwork if you _____ so long playing computer games.
- 7 If I told you the truth, you _____ me.



2 Complete the dialogue with the past simple and *would* + base form.

- Tim I think we're lost. If this _____ (be) the right path, we _____ (be) there by now.
- Paul So which path should we be on?
- Tim If I _____ (know) that, we _____ (not be) lost!
- Paul If you _____ (have) your phone with you, we _____ (be able to) look at a map.
- Tim We decided not to bring our phones, remember? A weekend without technology ...
- Paul I know. I _____ (not be) so worried if we _____ (not be) so far from home. Next time, we should bring our phones, but only use them in an emergency.
- Tim If you _____ (bring) your phone with you, you _____ (use) it all the time. You're addicted!

3 Rewrite the sentences. Use the second conditional.

- 1 Our house doesn't have a big garden, so we have to play football in the park.
If our house had a big garden, we wouldn't have to play football in the park.

- 2 I don't live in a detached house, so I can't play my music really loud.

- 3 We don't have a nine-bedroom mansion, so we don't invite lots of friends and family to stay.

- 4 Our flat is small, so my parents don't allow me to have a pet.

- 5 I don't close my bedroom shutters at night, so I wake up early in the morning.

- 6 They haven't got a fence. Their dog keeps running away.

- 7 They aren't interested in gardening. Their flower beds are a mess.

- 8 I share a bedroom with my brother. I can't watch TV at

- 9 Our house is near an airport. It's noisy in the garden.

4 Complete the sentences with the past simple or *would* + base form, depending on the meaning.

- 1 Our neighbours have still got my badminton net. I wish they _____ (give) it back!
- 2 I can't work with the TV so loud. I wish you _____ (turn) it down!
- 3 I love that new phone, but it's really expensive. If only it _____ (be) cheaper!
- 4 Unfortunately, I don't see my cousins very often. I wish they _____ (live) closer.
- 5 I want to go to bed, but our guests are still here. If only they _____ (leave)!
- 6 I wish it _____ (be) Friday today.
- 7 I really want to go skiing tomorrow. If only it _____ (snow) tonight!