

Conditional Clauses Type 2

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I Read the information carefully and then do the following tasks.

SECOND CONDITIONAL: UNREAL POSSIBILITY, DREAM, MORAL DILEMMA

With the **second conditional** there is **not** a real possibility that this condition will happen. For example, you do **not** have a lottery ticket. Is it possible to win? No, but you can think about winning in the future, like a dream or an unreal possibility.

IF	CONDITION	RESULT
IF	PAST SIMPLE	WOULD + MAIN VERB (INFINITIVE)
If	I won the lottery,	I would buy a castle.
If	I didn't win the lottery,	I wouldn't buy a castle.
If	it snowed next July,	would you be surprised?



1 Sometimes, we use modal verbs like **should**, **could** or **might** instead of **would**. We cannot use them with **would** in the same clause.

If she had time, she would ~~may~~ go to the party. ❌

If she had time, she might go to the party. ✅

2 If I were ...

In the second Conditional, the form "was" is not considered grammatically correct. In written English or in testing situations, you should always use "were." However, in everyday conversation, "was" is often used.

If he were French, he would eat croissants everyday.. ✅

I would buy that smartphone if it was cheaper. ❌ (used informally)

3 We also use the 2nd conditional to talk about moral dilemmas. Example: If I were adopted, I would look for my biological parents.

4 We can use the 2nd conditional to give advice. Example: *If I were you, I would apologize to her.*

II Say if the following statements are true or false.

- ☐ The second conditional expresses a real probability.
- ☐ It never refers to the past.
- ☐ The second conditional refers to realistic situations which are likely to happen.
- ☐ You use the present tense to express the condition and 'would' followed by the main verb (infinitive) to express the result.
- ☐ You can use other verbs to express result.
- ☐ You can use auxiliary verbs instead of 'would'.
- ☐ In informal language you must use 'were'.
- ☐ The second conditional is used when we want to tell people what they must do.

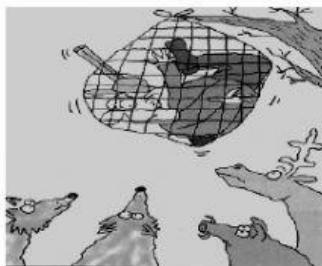
III Match the clauses in a logical way.

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| 1 If I went to Africa, | if it weren't raining. |
| 2 I would cook for my family more often | if you could afford a detached house? |
| 3 We could go for a picnic | the cities wouldn't be so polluted. |
| 4 If I earned more money, | I would do a safari. |
| 5 If more people used public transports, | if I had the time. |
| 6 Would you live in a flat | I would buy a new car. |

IV Choose the correct option (2nd conditional).

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|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1 I would get a new job | 2 I would buy a new house | 3 If you loved music, |
| a. if I was you. | a. if I have a lot of money. | a. you wouldn't listen to heavy metal! |
| b. if I am you. | b. if I win the lottery. | b. you would listen to heavy metal! |
| c. if I were you. | c. if I inherited a million dollars. | c. you won't listen to heavy metal! |
| 4 I would play basketball | 5 I would drive to school | 6 If I had a lot of money, |
| a. if I were taller. | a. if I has a car. | a. I will travel around the world. |
| b. if I was taller. | b. if I will have a car. | b. I would travel around the world. |
| c. if I would be taller. | c. if I had a car. | c. I wouldn't travel around the world. |

V Complete the conditional clause (type 2) in a logical way.



If the hunter were smart,

the animals would catch him.

he won't get trapped.

he wouldn't get caught in his own trap.

VI Read the cartoon carefully. Complete the if-clauses (drag and drop).



would be

would do

would make

ruled

came

would eat

VII Correct the mistakes in these sentences. Check the example.

- 1 If I were king, my life will be completely different.
- 2 If I spoke English perfectly, I won't be studying now.
- 3 If there are less wars, the world would be a better place. *were*
- 4 If I play football for Manchester United, I'd be very famous.

VIII Rewrite the sentences. Use the conditional type 2.

Example: I can't send her a message because I haven't got her email address.

⇒ *If I had her email address, I could send her a message.*

- 1 We get up late so we miss the bus. **If we didn't get up late,**
.....
- 2 He can't write to her because he hasn't got her address. **He would write to her if**
.....
- 3 Go on a diet and become healthy! **If you went on a diet,**
.....
- 4 You lose your job because you don't work hard. **If you worked hard,**
.....
- 5 Chelsea might lose the match. If they do, they might forfeit the championship.
Chelsea might forfeit the championship if
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