

Second and Third Conditionals

Activity Sheet



Activity 1

→ Read the sentence and say whether it is a second or third conditional.

- 1 I would buy those tickets if I were you.
- 2 If Alexeandra had more time, she would learn French.
- 3 What would you have done if you had won the competition?
- 4 If you had a pet, what would you name it?
- 5 If Daniel hadn't become an optometrist, he would have become a teacher.
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Activity 2

→ Read the statements and say whether they are true or false.

- 1 The second conditional is used to describe probable situations. True False
- 2 The structure of the second conditional is: If + past simple, would + present simple. True False
- 3 In the second conditional, the verb changes from 'was' to 'were' to show the subjunctive mood and put an emphasis that what is being said is imaginary. True False
- 4 The structure of the third conditional is:
If + past perfect, would have + past simple. True False

Activity 3

→ Match the sentence halves.

1 If I had gone to Türkiye,

2 If I were you,

3 If I hadn't gone to the cinema,

4 If I had enough time,

5 If I had studied more,

A I would write a book.

B I would listen to her advice.

C I would have learnt a bit of the language.

D I would have done better on the exam.

E I would have gone to the shopping centre.



Activity 4

➔ Look at the picture and write a second or third conditional sentence about it.

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