

To talk about imaginary situations in the present or in the future, we can use **If + simple past**. To talk about the effect or the consequences of such imaginary situations we add **would**.

Example:

If I were an adult, I would live in a house by the sea.

We can **swap** the order of the clauses: first we can talk about the effect of the imaginary situation, and then we can introduce the imaginary situation.

Example:

I would be very happy if I could buy a red car.

When we use the verb *to be* with **If + simple past** we can use both *was* and *were* with *I*, *he*, *she* and *it*.

Example:

If she was / were an adult, she would buy a house.

We also use **would** to talk about likes and dislikes.

Example:

*I would like (or would love) to **travel around** Europe.*

3 Match the first and the second parts of the conditional sentences. Remember, all second conditional sentences have an imaginary situation and an imaginary consequence, but the order can reverse.

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| 1. I would ask for the ability to fly | a. If I won the lottery. |
| 2. If I lived by the sea, | b. If it was my birthday today. |
| 3. I would travel to Paris | c. If I had three wishes. |
| 4. If I lived alone, | d. I would go windsurfing. |
| 5. I would eat cake | e. I would have to do all the chores. |

1.	If I were taller,
2.	I'd buy a new computer...
3.	How would you feel if...
4.	If you could visit any country in the world,
5.	He'd be really upset...
6.	I'd marry him tomorrow...
7.	I'd forgive you...
8.	If I didn't feel so ill,

a.	... if I thought he really loved me.
b.	... you lost your job?
c.	... if you apologized.
d.	... I'd come to the party with you.
e.	... if he knew about the theft.
f.	... I wouldn't have to wear high heeled shoes.
g.	... if I had enough money.
h.	... where would you go?

If I traveled to China, If I were a footballer, I would be happy If I weren't too busy,
I would make my vision board. I would play in professional matches.
If I had my own house. I would see panda bears.

4 Transform the following statements into conditional ones. Follow the example.

1. I don't have a lot of money, so I can't buy a red car.
If I had a lot of money, I would buy a red car.

2. I dream of being a footballer because they play in professional matches.

3. Having my own house is something I wish for because it would make me happy.

4. I am very busy so I haven't made my vision board yet.

5. I dream of traveling to China to see panda bears.