

## Second Conditional

1. You are going to read a text about an 85 year-old woman talking about her life.

a. What words you might find in the text.

relax trips dare regret pastime  
earlier car trouble thermometer  
safety climb book dance exercises  
healthy endocrinologist death cry

2. Read the text and try to find definitions for the following words.

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| a.dare      | ___Stretch to prepare for physical activity |
| b.limber up | ___With no shoes or socks                   |
| c.perhaps   | ___Show good judgement                      |
| d.sanely    | ___To be brave to do something dangerous    |
| e.barefoot  | ___maybe                                    |

### 3. Discuss

a. Why do you think the author would dare make more mistakes next time? Find evidences on the text.

b. How does the author describe herself?

c. Do you think you would regret so many things if you were her age? Why? Why not?

## IF I COULD LIVE MY LIFE ALL OVER...

If I had to live my life all over again, I'd dare make more mistakes next time. I would relax. I would limber up. I would be sillier than I have been this trip. I would take fewer things seriously. I would take more chances.

I would take more trips. I would climb more mountains, swim more rivers. I would eat more ice cream and fewer beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles, but I would have fewer imaginary ones.

You see – I'm one of those people who live seriously and sanely hour after hour, day after day. Oh, I have my moments. And if I had to do it over again, I'd have more of them. In fact, I'd try to have nothing else, just moments one after another, instead of living so many years ahead of each day.

I've been one of those persons who never goes anywhere without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat and a parachute. If I had to do it over again, I would travel lighter than I have. If I had to live my life over, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring and stay that way later in autumn.



I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies.

Attributed to Nadine Stair, 85 years old

## SECOND CONDITIONAL:

Complete the sentences from the poem.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ my life all over...
2. If I \_\_\_\_\_ my life all over again, I \_\_\_\_\_ next time.
3. ... I \_\_\_\_\_ and fewer beans.
4. If I \_\_\_\_\_ over again, I \_\_\_\_\_ than I have.
5. ... I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I \_\_\_\_\_.

**RULE:** We use 2<sup>nd</sup> Conditional to talk about things that are possible or probable / things that are impossible or imaginary

- For the condition we use if + past simple / present simple
- For the result we use will or won't / would or wouldn't
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> Conditional we can change / can't change the order of condition-result to result-condition.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not wear) those old jeans.
2. Terence \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the championship if he \_\_\_\_\_ (train) harder.
3. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) taller, he \_\_\_\_\_ (can) be a basketball player.
4. If everybody \_\_\_\_\_ (protest), they \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) killing whales.
5. The countryside \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more beautiful if people \_\_\_\_\_ (no set) fire to the forests every year.
6. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) smoking, you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) much better.