

If- Clause Type II**Second Conditional: unreal possibility or dream**

The **Second Conditional** can be used to talk about what you would generally do in imaginary situations.

Form: Second conditional

if clause	main clause
Past Simple	would + infinitive
If I <u>bought</u> a pony last year, If I <u>were</u> rich, If she <u>had</u> enough money, If he <u>didn't take</u> BTS yesterday,	I <u>would ride</u> it every day. I'd <u>travel</u> around the world. she <u>would buy</u> a new house. he'd <u>arrive</u> his office very fast.

EXCEPTION If I were ...

In the Present Unreal 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.

Examples:

- If he **were** French, he would live in Paris.
- If she **were** rich, she would buy a yacht.
- I would play basketball if I **were** taller.

Exercise A: Write the verbs in the correct forms.

1. What would you do if you _____ lost _____ your money? (lose)
2. If I won a million dollars I _____ my own airplane. (buy)
3. If I forgot her birthday, Andrea _____ upset. (be)
4. If he _____ (try), he (reach) _____ his goals.
5. I (buy) _____ these blouses if they (fit) _____ me.

6. It (surprise / not) _____ me if he (know / not) _____ the answer.

7. If I _____ (be) you, I wouldn't risk it.

8. I _____ out of business if we cut our prices. (go)

9. If we _____ a bigger house, we could invite people to stay. (have)

10. You _____ me if I told you the whole story. (not/believe)

11. If I _____ (be) Beckham, I _____ (stay) in Thailand.

12. If you _____ (leave) at 7:30 yesterday, you _____ (catch) the train to Chiang Mai.

13. If I _____ (own) a car, I _____ (drive) to work. But I don't own a car.

14. A: Where _____ you _____ (live) if you _____ (move) to the U.S.?

15. B: I _____ (live) in Seattle.

Exercise B: Write the correct form of the verbs in the blanks below:

1. If Mark (to see) _____ saw _____ the thief, he would call the police.
2. I would go to the beach if the weather (to be) _____ nice today.
3. If you (to have) _____ a time machine, would you travel to the past?
4. My brother would eat a snake only if it (to be) _____ the last food on earth!
5. My sister would go dancing in a club if she (to know) _____ how to dance.

NEGATIVES: (USE CONTRACTIONS)

6. My brother wouldn't smile at Susan if he (not like) _____ didn't like her.
7. If it (not be) _____ snowing today, we couldn't go skiing.
8. My dad couldn't wash his car if today (not be) _____ Saturday.
9. If they (not go) _____ to school every day, their mom would get angry.
10. Peter wouldn't be so healthy if he (not exercise) _____ and eat right.