



What would you do?

1 Reading and Speaking.

a Read the quiz questions and answers. Complete each question with an animal. Read the quiz and choose your answers.

Would you know what to do?

We all love seeing animals on TV and in zoos. But some animals can be dangerous. If you met one in real life, would you know the right thing to do? Read about some common and some less common situations. Would you know what to do?





In the city

1 What would you do if a large aggressive ran towards you?

- a I would **shout** 'down' at it several times.
- b I would put my hands in my pockets and walk slowly backwards.
- c I would **keep** completely **still** and look at it in its eyes.

2 What would you do if you were driving and a flew into the car?

- a I would open all the windows and wait for it to fly out.
- b I would try to kill it with a map or a newspaper.
- c I would **wave** my hand to make it go out.

In the country

3 What would you do if a poisonous bit you on the leg, and you were more than 30 minutes from the nearest town?

- a I would put something very cold on it, like a water bottle.
- b I would **suck** the bite to get the poison out.
- c I would **tie** something, e.g. a scarf on my leg above the bite.

4 What would you do if you were in the middle of a field and a started running towards you?

- a I would run to the gate.
- b I would throw something (e.g. a hat or a bag) in another direction.
- c I would shout and wave my arms.

In the water

5 What would you do if you were in the sea and a stung you?

- a I would rub the sting with a towel to clean it.
- b I would wash the sting with fresh water.
- c I would wash the sting with vinegar or sea water.

6 What would you do if you were in the sea quite near the shore and you saw a ?

- a I would swim to the shore as quickly and quietly as possible.
- b I would **float** and pretend to be dead.

c I would shout for help.

b Have you ever been in any of these situations? What did you do?

d Look at the highlighted verbs and verb phrases, try to guess their meaning from context. Then look them up in a dictionary.

2 Grammar; Second Conditional: if + past, would / wouldn't +infinitive.

9A second conditional: *if + past, would / wouldn't*

1 If a bull **attacked** me, I'd **run** away.

If you **didn't go** to bed so late, you **wouldn't be** so tired in the morning.

Would you **take** the manager's job **if they offered** it to you?

2 If I **had** more time I'd **do** more exercise.

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3 If we **went** by car, we **could stop** at places on the way.

1 Use *if + past* to talk about an imaginary or hypothetical future situation and *would / wouldn't + verb* to talk about the consequence.

- *would / wouldn't* is the same for all persons.
- **Contractions:** 'd = *would* (*I'd, you'd, he'd, etc.*); *wouldn't* = *would not*.

2 The *if*-clause can come first or second. If the *if*-clause comes first, we usually put a comma before the next clause.

3 You can also use *could + infinitive* instead of *would + infinitive* in the other clause.



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! be in second conditionals

With the verb *be* you can use *were* (instead of *was*) after *I / he / she / it*, e.g.

*If Jack **was** / **were** here, he'd know what to do.*

Use *were* (not *was*) in the expression *If I **were** you,...*

We often use this expression for advice, e.g. ***If I were you**, I wouldn't take that job.*

first or second conditional?

Compare the first and second conditionals.

- Use the **first conditional** for **possible** future situations.
*If I **don't have to** work tomorrow, I'll help you.*
(= It's a possibility. Maybe I will help you.)
- Use the **second conditional** for **imaginary** or **hypothetical** situations.
*If I **didn't have to** work tomorrow, I'd help you.*
(= It's a hypothetical situation. I have to work, so I can't help you.)

a Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.

1 If I had five extra hours every week,...

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2 I would be very happy if...

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3 If I could live anywhere in the world,...

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4 I would learn English more quickly if...

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5 If I won a lot of money in the lottery,...

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