



## Presentation

### Second conditional

Use the second conditional to describe a situation in the present or future. It suggests that the situation and result are unreal or imagined.

if	past simple	would + infinitive
If	I had more time,	I'd be able to do everything.

### Third conditional

Use the third conditional to describe an unreal or imagined situation and result in the past.

if	past perfect	would have + past participle
If	I'd had more time,	I would have finished all my work.

### Mixed conditionals

You can also combine second and third conditionals to make mixed conditionals.


Use second conditional + third conditional to describe an unreal situation in the present with an imagined result in the past:

Second conditional (past simple)	Third conditional (would have + past participle)
If I had some help,	I'd have finished everything.

Use third conditional + second conditional to describe an unreal situation in the past with an imagined result in the present.

Third conditional (past perfect)	Second conditional (would + infinitive)
If I'd said 'no' more often,	I wouldn't have so much work now.

## Exercises

- 1  Complete these dialogues with the second conditional. Use the past simple or *would*. Then listen and check.

- 1 A: If you are coming tonight, can you bring your car?  
B: Sorry, if I <sup>1</sup> ..... (have) it, I <sup>2</sup> ..... (bring) it, but I've lent it to Zara.
- 2 A: What <sup>3</sup> ..... (you/do), if you <sup>4</sup> ..... (be) me?  
B: I think I <sup>5</sup> ..... (accept) the job, but only if they <sup>6</sup> ..... (offer) to give me a pay rise!
- 3 A: If you know where he is, please tell me.  
B: But I don't know! Honestly, if I <sup>7</sup> ..... (know) where he <sup>8</sup> ..... (be), you <sup>9</sup> ..... (be) the first person I'd tell.

- 2 Choose the correct verb form to make sentences with the second or third conditional.

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| 1 If I'd known you were so busy, I <i>would help</i> / <i>would have helped</i> you.   | 5 They'd make / <i>would have made</i> dinner if you asked them.   |
| 2 If my watch <i>worked</i> / <i>had worked</i> , I'd tell you the correct time!   | 6 If you <i>were</i> / <i>'d been</i> at the lesson last night you would have understood how to do the homework. |
| 3 We <i>wouldn't miss</i> / <i>wouldn't have missed</i> the beginning of the film if there hadn't been a strike on the trains! | 7 If Peter <i>found out</i> / <i>had found out</i> about our little secret, he would have been very angry.       |
| 4 I <i>would say</i> / <i>'d have said</i> hello if I'd seen you.  | 8 You <i>wouldn't have known</i> if I <i>didn't tell</i> / <i>hadn't told</i> you.                               |

- 3 Read the situations, then complete the sentences using the past simple, past perfect or *would* form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 John went to a job interview, but he didn't get the job because he was too shy.  
If he ..... (be) so shy, I'm sure he ..... (get) the job.
- 2 My boss was looking for an assistant who can speak Japanese. I don't speak Japanese, so I didn't apply for the job.  
I ..... (apply) for the job if I ..... (speak) Japanese.
- 3 My brother needed a lift to the airport, but I don't have a car.  
If I ..... (have) a car, I ..... (give) him a lift to the airport.
- 4 I passed my exams, so my parents bought me a new computer.  
If I ..... (not pass) my exams, I ..... (still / use) my old computer.
- 5 You were out late last night. You're feeling very tired this morning.  
If you ..... (go) to bed early, you ..... (not / feel) so tired now.
- 6 You didn't listen to my advice. Now you're in trouble.  
If you ..... (listen) to my advice, you ..... (not / be) in trouble.

- 4 Complete these sentences so that they are true for you.

- 1 If I'd been born ten years earlier, I'd/I wouldn't .....  
2 If I knew how to ....., I'd/I wouldn't have .....  
3 If I hadn't ..... yesterday, I'd/I wouldn't be ..... today.