Exercise 8

Read the information. Then complete the sentences. Use the second conditional with the words in brackets.

Second conditional

• We use the second conditional to talk about unreal present situations:

*If I **knew** the answer, I'**d tell** you. But I don't, so I can't.*

• We also use the second conditional to talk about things that are unlikely to happen in the future:

*We're not going to have the festival on a Tuesday afternoon. If we **did** that, nobody **would come**!*

In the *if*-clause, we don't usually use *would*. Use a past tense (e.g. past simple) instead:

*If I **had** more money, I'd buy a ticket.*
*If I **could** dance, I'd love to take part in a parade.*

• In the second conditional, the past of *be* is usually *were*, even with *I/he/she/it*:

*If I **were** you, I'd be more careful. (= I think you should be more careful.)*
*If the weather **was/were** better, we could have the concert outside.*

• In the main clause, use *could*, *might* or *would*:

*If you tried a bit harder, you **might** get better results.*

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1. If I _____ you, I wouldn't take so much cash to the festival. (be)
2. It'd be amazing if I _____ dance like that! (can)
3. If I _____ more money, I'd go to a lot more music festivals around the world. (have)
4. What would you do if somebody _____ to borrow your phone? (ask)
5. I _____ mind queueing so long if the food was a bit better. (not / would)

6. If I _____ work tomorrow, I'd come to the festival with you. (not / have to)
7. I'd definitely buy a ticket if the festival _____ so expensive. (not / be)
8. I think more people _____ attend if the concert took place at the weekend. (would)