



SECOND CONDITIONAL

REMEMBER!!

Conditional sentences have two parts: an **'if clause'** and a **'result'** clause.

The **'if clause'** is the part that describes the hypothetical situation that we want to speak about - "*If I had 10 million euros,...*"

The **'result clause'** is the part that explains what results may come from the hypothetical 'if clause' actually happening - "*..., I would buy a Ferrari.*"



2ND CONDITIONAL IMPROBABLE TO IMPOSSIBLE

The Second Conditional is used to hypothesize about situations that we feel are improbable or even impossible.

We use this particular conditional a lot when we dream about having something that we don't actually have, or being someone or something that we are not.

It can vary in use from something that we feel is unlikely all the way to something that we feel is practically impossible.



STRUCTURE & EXAMPLES

Structure: *If* + Past, Subject + *would/could/might* + Infinitive (-to)

Remember, we can change the order and put the result clause first. The only difference is that the comma is no longer needed. We use '*would*' when we feel **certain** about the result, '*could*' when we think it's a **possible** result, and '*might*' when we think it's a **probable** result

- *If I had more time, I would study Japanese. (certain)*
- *If they were here, they could help us move the furniture. (possible)*
- *She might be angry too if she knew what happened. (probable)*
- *What would you do if you won the lottery? (general for questions)*
- *If they weren't so messy, it wouldn't be a problem*
- *Everyone would be happy if there were no taxes to pay*





EXERCISES

*Some are
negative*

1. I can't take you to the airport because I haven't got a car = If I _____ a car, I _____ you to the airport.
2. I can't play basketball because I'm not very tall. = If I _____ taller, I _____ basketball.
3. He doesn't know she is coming so he won't stay at home. = He _____ at home if he _____ she was coming.
4. They drive very fast because they don't know any better. = If they _____ any better, they _____ so fast.
5. We can't watch TV because ours doesn't work. = If our TV _____, we _____ it.
6. I go because I'm not afraid. = If I _____ afraid, I _____.
7. I do that because I am not you = If I _____ you, I _____ that.
8. Peter watches TV because he likes to. = Peter _____ TV if he _____ to.
9. I can't buy new clothes because I have no money! = If I _____ some money, I _____ some new clothes.
10. Mary doesn't drink coke because it gives her heartburn. = Mary _____ coke if it _____ her heartburn.
11. They don't go swimming because they are afraid of the water. = If they _____ afraid of the water, they _____ swimming.
12. The amount of industries is what causes the pollution. = There _____ so much pollution if there _____ so many industries.
13. Rare animals are still hunted today because of the demand for the products. = If there _____ no demand for animal products, people _____ rare animals.
14. I have a lot of stress in my life! = If I _____ so hard, I _____ any stress in m life.
15. We have a mouse in the house. = If we _____ a cat, we _____ a mouse in the house.
16. We don't have any hot water. = If we _____ hot water, we _____ the dishes, have a shower.
17. I can't sweep the floor. = If I _____ a brush, I _____ the floor.