

Listen to the song and try to get all the words correct!

If I Were by Sesame Street

If I were a _____, I would write a sonnet
It would say I love you, your _____ would be on it
If I were a _____, I'd give you a _____
If I had a _____, you would get free _____

* Fa la la, la la la la, la la la la la, la la la la la
Fa la la, la la la, la la, la la la, la la *

If I were a _____, you could have a cruller
If I were a _____, choose your favourite _____
If I had some _____ I'd give you a few
Anything to show you how much I love you

* repeat *

Did you guess my _____? I am not a _____
Couldn't write a _____, and I think you know it
I am not a _____, can't give you a _____
I don't have a _____, sorry 'bout the _____

* repeat *

I am not a _____, don't know _____ from batter
And I'm not a _____, and it doesn't _____
I don't need a present, all I have to do
Is to _____ at you to show you how much I love you

* repeat *



Why do we say *if I were* and not *if was*?

The **were** here is **not** past tense. It is used in a **subjunctive mood** (subjunctive = 用来想象没有发生/不可能发生的事情。)

- Eg: If I **were** invisible, I would walk into concerts for free.
- It is impossible that I would be invisible, so, I use the word **were** here.

Other subjunctive words: could, would

- Eg: If he **could** run as fast as the cheetah, he **would** be the world champion.
(It would be impossible for you to run that fast. It is just imaginary)
 - Eg: **Would** you do that again? I **would**, if I **were** young again.
 - (You can't be young again, so it is just what you dreamt of. It can't be real)
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- These words are **not** used in past tense. They are just used to **imagine impossible situations**.



If I were you

If I were you is also used when giving **ADVICE** about what you would do in the same situation as the other person.

You imagine yourself in their situation and how you would react.

- Eg: **If I were you**, I **would** go to the doctor.
- Eg: **If I were you**, I **wouldn't** play with those wires.

You can also change the order of the sentence

- I **would** study more if **I were you**
- I **wouldn't** do that if **I were you**.

When to use *if I was / if I am* ?

When it is in an **indicative** mood. (indicative = 用在真实情况, 不是假设)

- Eg: I apologize **if I was** rude.
- Eg: **If I am** not mistaken, you **are** Ivan's sister, right?
- Eg: **If I am** running late for school, I **will** call skip breakfast.
- All these are possible to happen and is not imaginary.



Now, try to create three sentences using
If I were....

Let your imagination run wild!

- Let me start first:
 - **If I were** a millionaire, I would fire my boss.
 - **If I were** taller, I would have been a model.
 - **If I were** a dinosaur, I would make friends with Barney.
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- Your turn! 😊 Make it as funny as possible!