

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** (subjective = 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)
- 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.

  

- Your turn! ☺ Make it as funny as possible!