

Second Conditional Reading – Grammar Readings

This second conditional reading gives you a chance to practice your reading comprehension skills while you see examples of the second conditional.

Read the story and complete the test at the bottom of the page. Good luck!

If I Won The Lottery

I can imagine what my life would be like if I won the lottery. Wow! I could do so many things, and my life would be so different. I would love the chance to change my life with the money. The first thing I would do is buy a big, new house. I live in a small apartment, and I have always dreamed of living in a big house in the country. With all that money, I could buy anything I wanted. I don't have a car right now, so I would buy a new car. Or, I might even buy a new motorcycle. I like motorcycles, and I can imagine myself driving down the highway with the wind in my hair.

Of course, if I won the lottery, I should give some of the money to charity. I would probably give my money to a charity that helps sick children. Also, if any of my friends needed anything, I could help them pay for it. I know many people that have student loans, and I could help them pay the loans back. That would make them very happy. Plus, if I won a lot of money, I would certainly save some of it in the bank.

Also, I think that if I won a huge amount of money, I would open a business. I love to cook, and I have always wanted to open a restaurant. With all that money I could open a fancy restaurant.

However, I know one thing I would not do is travel. I have a friend who won \$100, 000 in the lottery three years ago. She took the money and travelled for three months. I think she is crazy. Travelling is nice, but then she had nothing left after her vacation.

I think, however, that the only problem with dreaming about the money I could win is that I have never even played the lottery before. As they say: "You can't win if you don't play."

Answer the questions

1. Question What would the person NOT buy if she won the lottery?

- Apartment
- Motorcycle
- House
- Car

2. Question What would the person NOT do if she won the lottery?

- Save money
- Give money to friends
- Give money to charity
- Pay off student loans

3. Question Why would she open a restaurant?

- She is a great cook.
- She likes to cook.
- She likes fancy restaurants.
- They are a good investment.

4. Question Why would she not travel?

- It is too expensive.
- She has travelled a lot before.
- She would be left with no money when she finished.
- Her friend did not have fun travelling.

5. Question Do you think she will win the lottery?

- No. It is too difficult with only a few tickets.
- Yes! She is lucky.
- Maybe. It depends on her luck.
- No. She did not buy a ticket.

Write five things you would do if you won the lottery.
