The Second Conditional

If + Simple Past, + Would + Verb

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We use the *second conditional* when talking about **future events that are not likely to happen**. It refers to a hypothetical scenario and its probable result. The if clause is in the simple past, and the main clause uses the present conditional.

- If I had enough money, I would go to Japan. Or:
- I would go to Japan if I had enough money.

Exercises: Be sure to use the contracted form of the verb i.e. 'wouldn't' rather than 'would not'.

1. If I (know) her name, I (tell) you.
2. If I (be) you, I (inform) the manager.
3. If I (win) the lotto, I (travel) the world.
4. If you (go) to bed earlier, you (be) less tired.
5. I (work) in Italy if I (speak) Italian.
6. I (not/do) that if I (be) you.
7. If I (become) president, I (change) the social security system.
8. If I (fly) to London, I (visit) you.
9. If you (know) the answer, you (be) rich.
10. She (be) happier, if she (have) more money.
11. If she (pass) the exam, she (go) to university.
12. If she (cut) her hair, she (look) better.