

SECOND CONDITIONAL

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Use the second conditional to talk about PRESENT or FUTURE hypothetical or unreal situations.

If clause (condition) comma main clause (result)

If a condition existed

the result would be true.

past simple or past continuous would/could/might + infinitive/be -ing

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→ If I won the lottery, I would buy a yacht.

→ If you weren't working here, you'd be in prison.

→ If I were you, I might wait before making a decision.

→ If it weren't for his help, I might not be talking to you now.

→ I might not be talking to you now if it weren't for his help.

You can use If/he/she/it was (informal) or If/he/she/it were
Except in: If I were you (NOT was)

NO COMMA when you put the main clause at the beginning

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THIRD CONDITIONAL

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Use the third conditional to talk about PAST hypothetical or unreal situations.

If clause (condition) comma main clause (result)

If a condition had existed

the result would have been true.

past perfect (simple and continuous)

would/could/might + have + past participle

→ If you had come to class, you would have passed the exam.

→ If he hadn't been wearing a helmet, he might have died.

→ He might have died if he hadn't been wearing a helmet.

You didn't come to class and didn't pass the exam.

He didn't die because he was wearing a helmet.

NO COMMA when you put the main clause at the beginning

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Second Conditional:

1. If I had / have the money, I would consider getting plastic surgery to fix my nose.
2. If I were / am more confident, I might opt for cosmetic surgery to enhance my appearance.
3. If she didn't have / doesn't have such a fear of surgeries, she might have chosen to undergo plastic surgery.

Third Conditional:

1. If I knew / had known about the risks earlier, I wouldn't have undergone that plastic surgery.
2. If he hasn't been / hadn't been dissatisfied with his appearance, he wouldn't have considered plastic surgery.
3. If they did research / had researched the procedure more thoroughly, they wouldn't have regretted their plastic surgery outcomes.

Choose the correct verb tense (second or third conditional) to complete each sentence.

- 1- If I _____ (have) more confidence, I might have considered plastic surgery.
a) had b) would have
- 2- If she _____ (know) about the potential risks, she wouldn't have undergone the procedure.
a) knew b) had known
- 3- If they _____ (be) dissatisfied with their appearance, they might consider cosmetic surgery.
a) were b) had been
- 4- If he _____ (have) the money, he would have fixed his nose long ago.
a) had b) would have
- 5- If she _____ (research) the procedure thoroughly, she wouldn't regret her decision.
a) researched b) had researched
- 6- If they _____ (be) happier with their appearance, they wouldn't consider plastic surgery.
a) were b) had been
- 7- If he _____ (know) about the potential side effects, he wouldn't have opted for cosmetic surgery.
a) knew b) had known
- 8- If I _____ (have) the chance, I might consider cosmetic enhancements in the future.
a) had b) would have