

# 2nd conditional questions



## Language focus

Use **2nd conditional questions** to ask someone what they would do in unlikely or impossible situations. These questions are formed in the following way:

**Question word (what, who, where, etc.) + would + infinitive without to + if + past simple**

**What would you say if you met the president of the United States of America?**

1 Complete the questions with the verbs from the box in the correct form.

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- 1 What would you do if you could do any job?
- 2 What would you do if you    rich?
- 3 What would you do if you    New York?
- 4 What would you do if you    four extra hours every day?
- 5 What would you do if you    a space rocket?
- 6 What would you do if you    a tiger in the street?

**2** Match answers a–f with the questions from Activity 1.

- a I would give the money to people who need it. \_\_\_\_\_
- b I would fly all the way to the moon. \_\_\_\_\_
- c I'd make beautiful things out of wood and sell them for lots of money. **1** \_\_\_\_\_
- d I'd climb a tree and then say, 'Hello.' \_\_\_\_\_
- e I would sleep. \_\_\_\_\_
- f I would take photographs of the skyscrapers. \_\_\_\_\_

**3** Complete the dialogue with the verbs from the box in the correct form.

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**Francois** Have you seen this website? There are lots and lots of questions – you know, what would you (1) do if ... ?

**Max** Ask me one.

**Francois** What would you (2)                    if you could be anything?

**Max** Easy. Footballer. They make so much money. What about you?

**Francois** I'd be a painter, I think. OK. Another question – if you (3)                    Lionel Messi, what would you say to him?

**Max** I'd ask him if he thinks he is better than Ronaldo. What about you?

**Francois** I don't think I'd like to meet him. All right – ready for another one?

**Max** Go on.

**Francois** Where would you (4)                    if you could live anywhere in the world?

**Max** Hmm ... that's an interesting one. I think I'd live in Vancouver.

**Francois** OK, on we go. If you (5)                    lots of money, what would you do with it?

**Max** I think I'd invent a new kind of spaceship and travel to distant galaxies.

**Francois** Last one – if you could (6)                    me any question, what would you ask?

**Max** When's lunch?

**4** Answer the questions.

1 What would you do if you could have any job?

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2 What ability would you like to have if you could have any ability?

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3 Who would you meet if you could meet anyone?

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4 Where would you go if you could go anywhere?