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?

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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?

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