Second Conditional

The second conditional is used to imagine present or future situations that are impossible or unlikely in reality.

If we had a garden, we could have a cat.
If I won a lot of money, I'd buy a big house in the country.
I wouldn't worry if I were you.

The structure is usually: *if* + past simple >> + *would* + infinitive.

When *if* is followed by the verb *be,* it is grammatically correct to say ***if I were, if he were, if she were* and *if it were*.**

However, it is also common to hear these structures with *was*, especially in the *he/she* form.

If I were you, I wouldn't mention it.
If she was prime minister, she would invest more money in schools.
He would travel more if he was younger.

Grammar Exercise

Complete the gaps with the verbs in brackets using the Second Conditional.

1. We _____ (have) less anxiety if parents _____ (control) the time we spend on our phones more.
2. If there _____ (be) no social media at all, we _____ (talk) more face-to-face.
3. I _____ (feel) very lost if my phone _____ (run) out of battery in a foreign city.
4. If I _____ (be) the expert in the video, I _____ (give) more strict advice.
5. If mobile phone companies _____ (not release) new models every year, we _____ (have) less pressure to buy.

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