

UNIT 5 - IF I COULD FLY

Lesson 2: Language In Action



2nd conditional

If + past simple, S + would + V-infinitive.
= S + would + V-infinitive if + past simple

Exercise 1: Choose the correct option.

0. If Fred **had** / **would have** more money, he'd buy a new guitar.
1. If I **swam** / **swum** every day, I would easily get in shape.
2. If Jack cleaned his room, his mum **was** / **would be** happy.
3. If he **practised** / **practises** more, he'd be an excellent pianist.
4. If you **asked** / **would ask** Peter, he would help you.
5. If people **didn't** / **don't** use computers, it would take longer to get everything done.
6. If Emma got up on time, she **wouldn't** / **won't** miss the bus.
7. If he saw someone stealing in a bookshop, he **would** / **didn't** tell the shop assistant.
8. If I **were** / **am** you, I would apply to a different school.
9. If I could meet Beyoncé, I **would** / **will** be very happy.
10. Paul **would** spend less money if he **didn't buy** / **buys** coffee every day.
11. My parents **would** / **should** live near the sea if they could find jobs there.
12. The plants would die if we **watered** / **water** them too little.
13. If my best friend moved away, I **would cry** / **cried**.

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Exercise 2: Complete the sentences with the words given.

- 1 (would/ study/ were) If I _____ you, I _____ harder. You would get better marks.
- 2 (could/ would/ fly/ visit) If she _____, she _____ her aunt and uncle in Scotland all the time.
- 3 (could/ would/ run/ win) If the athletic team _____ at lightning speed, it _____ all its competitions.
- 4 (would/ be/ did) If all the pupils _____ their homework all the time, the teacher _____ happy.
- 5 (could/ would/ know/ read) If I _____ my teacher's mind, I _____ the answers to all her questions.

Exercise 3: Complete the sentences with the words given.

Use **could** and **would**.

- 1 I can't sing well. But If I _____ (sing) well, I _____ (join) a band.
- 2 My friends and I can't travel back in time. If we _____ (travel) back in time, we _____ (meet) our favourite heroes in history.
- 3 My older brother can't drive yet. If he _____ (drive), he _____ (take) me and my friends to the cinema.
- 4 My friend can't be quiet in class. If she _____ (be) quiet, our teacher _____ (be) happier.

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Exercise 4: Complete the questions. Unscramble the words.

1 (you/ would/ go/ where)

If you could visit any country you wanted to, _____ ?

2 (would/ which language/ you/ learn)

If you could learn another language (not English), _____ ?

3 (you/ be/ would/ which animal)

If you could be an animal, _____ ?

4 (be/ who/ you/ would)

If you could be any superhero, _____ ?

5 (would/ play/ which instrument/ you)

If you could play any instrument, _____ ?

Exercise 5: Answer the questions in Exercise 4 by yourself. It's not necessary to repeat If-clause.

eg: *I would be a hamster because it's cute.*

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____