

# SECOND CONDITIONAL - UNREAL POSSIBILITY

IF	CONDITION	RESULT
	PAST SIMPLE	WOULD+BASE VERB
If	I won the lottery,	I would buy a new house

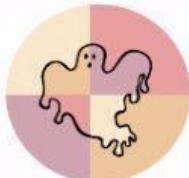
RESULT	IF	CONDITION
WOULD+BASE VERB		PAST SIMPLE
I would buy a new house	if	I won the Christmas lottery

Use the second conditional for unreal situations in the future that are not impossible but difficult to come true. Ex. *If I won the lottery...* and also for hypothetical situations: *If I was/were in Rome now...* (but I am not).

**BE CAREFUL!** Use were (not was) for advice: *If I were you I would study more.*



Exercise Write the verbs in brackets. Use the second conditional.



1-If Linda \_\_\_\_\_ here (be), I'm sure she \_\_\_\_\_ (help) us.

2-What \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a ghost?

3-If I \_\_\_\_\_ (find) some money in the street, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it to the police.

4-Michael \_\_\_\_\_ (be) angry if someone \_\_\_\_\_ (take) his computer without permission.

5-If we \_\_\_\_\_ (not catch) the nine o'clock bus, we \_\_\_\_\_ (arrive) too late.

6-Carla \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) upset if you \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her the truth.

7-If I \_\_\_\_\_ (know) how to solve this problem, I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) it.

8-If I \_\_\_\_\_ (fail) the exam, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very disappointed. I've studied so hard.

9-Jenny \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a nice cake if she \_\_\_\_\_ (know) how to cook well.

10-If my husband \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a famous actor, he \_\_\_\_\_ (earn) a lot of money.

11-We \_\_\_\_\_ (not learn) so quickly if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) such a good teacher.

12-If it \_\_\_\_\_ (rain) tomorrow, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to the beach but the sky is so clear.

13-If you \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) at home tonight, you \_\_\_\_\_ (not see) Tina at the party.

14-I \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) Japanese if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) the time to do it.

15-What \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if you \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) your passport in a foreign country?

16-If you \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to give up smoking, you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) much better.

17-If someone \_\_\_\_\_ (steal) my car, I \_\_\_\_\_ (report) it to the police immediately.

18-Our friends \_\_\_\_\_ (be) really angry if we \_\_\_\_\_ (not go) to their party next Friday.