

## 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.