

Module 5 Part 3

Grammar focus: Conditional (2)

Ex.1 Discuss grammar

Second conditional is used to describe **future situations that are possible, but UNLIKELY**.

Second conditional is used to describe **present situations that are imaginary, UNREAL**.

We often use the expression *If I were you, I'd...* to give personal advice. (*If I was you ...* is more informal.)

the <i>if</i> clause	the result clause
Past tense	would (might, could) + V
If I <u>moved</u> to another country,	I <u>would go</u> to Mexico.
If I <u>were</u> you,	<u>I would take</u> a taxi home from the party.

Alternatives to *if*

unless	I wouldn't ask your help <i>unless</i> I needed it.
imagine	<i>Imagine</i> you had a million dollars, where would you go?
suppose	<i>Suppose</i> they lived in the country, would you visit them?
say	<i>Say</i> you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?

Grammar Practice

Ex.2 Look at the conditional sentences below. Which sentences are second conditional?

1. When you board a plane, a flight attendant greets you and checks your boarding pass.
2. If I were traveling a long way, I would fly.
3. I'd love to go to Prague if I had a chance!
4. The car wouldn't break so often if you serviced it regularly
5. Can planes leave when it's foggy?
6. If there's a snowstorm, airport closes.

Ex.3 Choose the correct meaning, A or B.

1. If Charles got a pay rise, he'd buy a better car.
(A) I think Charles will get a pay rise. (B) I think Charles is unlikely to get a pay rise.
2. If car prices rise, we'll sell our BMW and buy a cottage house.
(A) The speaker thinks house prices will probably rise.
(B) The speaker thinks house prices probably won't rise.
3. If I were you, I'd take a train to Cornwall; it's more relaxing than driving.
(A) I'm giving advice. (B) You have taken the train before.
4. If I had a mobile phone, I'd call the police.
(A) I can call the police. (B) I can't call the police.

5. Suppose you had a yacht, where would you sail to?

(A) You have a yacht. (B) You don't have a yacht.

6. Pablo would be very disappointed if he didn't pass the exam.

(A) Pablo expects to pass the exam. (B) Pablo doesn't expect to pass the exam.

Ex.4 Write second conditional questions.

1. if / Sarah / have / a problem / who / she / talk to?

A: _____? B: She'd talk to you.

2. Marc / come / to the party / if / I / ask / him?

A: _____? B: No, he wouldn't.

3. What / you / do / if / you / be / in Kate's position?

A: _____? B: I'd tell the truth.

4. if / you / can / go / anywhere / where / you / go?

A: _____? B: I'd go to India.

5. if / he / have / some free time / what / he / do?

A: _____? B: He'd take driving lessons.

Ex.5 Complete the conversation. Put the correct forms of the words in brackets.

A: If you (0) (have) a lot of money, what (1) (you/do)?

B: I'd buy a motorbike and go travelling for a few months.

A: On your own?

B: No, with a friend. I (2) (get) lonely if I (3) (go) on my own. I'd ask Rob to come with me. He likes travelling.

A: He does, and he's good with bikes. If your bikes (4) (break down), he (5) (be) able to fix them.

B: That's true. And he's very calm. He (6) (not panic) if we (7) (have) a problem.

A: Would you stay in hotels all the time?

B: I don't know. If it (8) (not be) cold, it (9) (be) nicer to camp.

A: And cheaper. Your money (10) (last) longer if you camped.

Ex.6 Work in pairs. Answer these questions about you.

If you had more time, would you consider travelling? Where to? What means of transport would you choose?

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Grammar focus: Conditional (3)

Ex. 7 Discuss Grammar

We use Conditional (3) to **imagine UNREAL situations in the past** that we know are the opposite of the facts.

I would have spoken to you if I had seen you. (But I didn't speak to you because I didn't see you.)

We can use the third conditional to talk about regrets from our past, often with *could* / *might*:

I could have got a better job if I had stayed at university.

We might not have had the accident if the weather had been better.

the <i>if</i> clause Past Perfect	the result clause would / might / could (not) + have V3
If we <u>had arrived</u> on time, If he <u>hadn't been</u> rude to his boss,	we <u>would have caught</u> the flight to Mexico. he <u>wouldn't have lost</u> his job.

Ex.8 Write what these people said. They are talking about their regrets with would, might or could. For 5 and 6, write sentences that are true for you.

example: Peter didn't get a place at college because he didn't apply in time.

If I'd applied in time, I might have got a place at college.

1. Last year Olivia spent all her money on clothes and couldn't afford a holiday.
2. Samuel didn't notice a speed camera and he got a fine for driving too fast.
3. Patrick broke his leg and didn't go trekking with us.
4. Sarah didn't watch the race because she didn't know about it.
5. If I hadn't _____.
6. If I had _____.

Ex.9 Complete the e-mail, using the correct form of the verb in brackets.

Hi Mum and Dad,

I'm afraid I have to ask you for some money – and I'm very ashamed to tell you about this. You see, I lost my job a few weeks ago. I deserved it because I upset a customer – if I hadn't been rude to the customer, my boss (0) wouldn't have fired (fire) me. And I was in debt because of the car – obviously, I wouldn't have got into debt if I (1) _____ (not buy) the car, but I needed it for work. Then one day recently I was in a local shop and I took some money from the till. If it hadn't been open, I (2) _____ (not take) the money, but it was so easy. I left the shop before they noticed, but then, a couple of days later I went back into the shop and the shopkeeper saw me. That was really stupid – if I (3) _____ (not go back), he wouldn't have recognized me. I denied taking the money, so he called the police, and they arrested me. If I'd admitted it to the shopkeeper and paid him back, he (4) _____ (not call) the police. So ... can I borrow \$1000 to pay the fine? I know I've been stupid – if I (5) _____ (ask) for your help weeks ago, this wouldn't have happened.

Love

Harry

Ex. 10 Read the letter written by an angry Polish holidaymaker to a tourist agency. It contains 8 grammar errors in Conditional sentences. Can you correct them?

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about a terrible holiday I had, thanks to your company. As you may remember, I traveled to Egypt last summer on a package tour. Now I will never travel with your company again! The first thing was that all my luggage was lost and when it arrived at last, things had been taken from it. I lost an expensive camera and a leather jacket. If I know that, I would carry them with me on board the plane.

The next problem was that our hotel was completely different from what I saw in your booklet. Actually, your marvelous hotel was a photomontage. The hotel we lived in was a nightmare. There was no hot water and I had to share a room with other three people. If I saw the real photos of the hotel, I didn't book this holiday. Also the hotel was more expensive than I expected because we had to pay for drinks and meals. I didn't have enough money. But if you give the correct information, I took more money with me.

Finally, the return flight was delayed for two days and we had to wait in the airport and pay for accommodation. If I take a bus, it is faster and cheaper. If you are an honorable company, you will pay me back my money. I wish I had never chosen this terrible holiday and I will never travel with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

Malgonata Waleski