**Lesson 7: Conditional (Part 2) – Second VS Third**

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| **Second conditional** | **Third conditional** |
| 1. **Form**   If + sub + V2...  Sub + would + V1...  ***If clause*** ***main/result clause***  If + sub + V2… + **,** sub + would + V1…  Sub + would + V1… + if + sub + V2… | 1. **Form**   If + sub + had +V3...  Sub + would + have + V3...  ***If clause*** ***main/result clause***  If + sub + had + V3… + **,** sub + would + have + V3…  Sub + would + have + V3… + if + sub + had + V3… |
| 1. **Use**  * We use the second conditional to talk about situations which are **imaginary** or **unlikely** to happen **in the present** or **future**. | 1. **Use**  * We use the third conditional to talk about **imaginary** or **hypothetical** situations **in the past**. |
| **Examples:**     * If I **met** Ronaldo, I **would ask** him for a selfie with me. * I **would learn** to swim if I **were** you. | **Examples:**     * If she **had got up** earlier, she **wouldn’t have missed** the train. * He **wouldn’t have finished** his reading so quickly if he **had checked** the dictionaryfor every new word. |
| **Note:** In a second conditional sentence, we use **past simple** or **past continuous** in the **if**-clause, and we can use **would**, **could** or **might** + bare infinitive in the main clause. We can't use **would** in the **if**-clause. | **Note:** In a third conditional sentence, we use **past perfect** in the **if**-clause, and we can use **would**, **could** or **might** + **have** + **past participle** in the main clause |

**Exercise Practice**

**Instruction 1:** *Choose the correct forms of the second and third conditionals to complete the sentences.*

1. If he \_\_ jobs, he would be a lot happier.

a. would change b. would have changed c. changed

2. If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her that I love her.

a. had told b. told c. would tell

3. If he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them, they would have agreed to come.

a. had asked b. would ask c. asked

4. If she hadn’t threatened him, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

a. had left b. wouldn’t have left c. wouldn’t leave

5. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them if I were you.

a. hadn’t trusted b. didn’t trust c. wouldn’t trust

6. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with her if he had known she would behave so irresponsibly.

a. wouldn’t have gone b. wouldn’t had gone c. hadn’t gone

7. I wouldn't have been able to do it if she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me.

a. had helped b. hadn’t helped c. wouldn’t have helped

8. If he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ earlier, he wouldn't have been late for work.

a. had got up b. got up c. would have got up

9. If we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to spend the day in London, we would have bought a day pass.

a. would have wanted b. had wanted c. had been wanting

10. If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ less on clothes, you would be able to save some money.

a. didn’t spend b. spent c. would spend

**Instruction 2:** *Put the verbs in brackets in the most suitable conditional form:* ***second*** *or* ***third****.*

1. If I \_\_\_saw\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see) you waiting at the bus stop yesterday morning, I \_\_\_\_would\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop) for you.
2. I \_\_\_\_\_would go\_\_\_\_\_ (go) swimming every week if I \_\_\_\_knew\_ (know) how to swim properly.
3. If I \_\_\_caught \_ (catch) that plane to New York [the one that crashed!], I \_\_would be\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) dead.
4. If we \_\_lived (live) in China, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_would \_speak\_\_\_\_ (speak) Cantonese or Pekingese.
5. I \_\_\_\_would stop\_ (stop) smoking if I \_\_\_was\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (be) you; it's terrible for your health!
6. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_would like\_\_\_\_ (like) being with you more if you \_not laughed\_\_ (not laugh) at me all the time.
7. I \_\_would \_\_ (buy) my house a long time ago if the prices \_\_\_was\_\_ (be) a bit lower.
8. We \_would \_not miss\_\_ (not miss) the beginning of the film last night if we \_\_found\_\_ (find) a parking place straight away.
9. I \_\_\_would call\_ (call) you earlier if I \_found\_\_ (find) my phone card.
10. I would not win \_ (not win) any gold medals if I \_was\_ (be) in Sidney in 2000.

**Instruction 3:** *Based on the situations given, make sentences using the second or third conditional.*

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| 1. I didn’t wait another minute. I didn’t see you. | 6. He’s so stubborn. I argue with him all the time. |
| 🡺 If I | 🡺 If he |
| 2. I don’t speak French. I won’t get the job. | 7. Dave fell asleep, so he missed the end of the film |
| 🡺 If I | 🡺 If he hadn’t |
| 3. You left the door open. The cat got out. | 8. He can’t find his wallet, so he’s angry. |
| 🡺 If you | 🡺 If he could |
| 4. I don’t know the answer. I can’t tell you. | 9. He wants to be rich and famous. Then he’ll be happy. |
| 🡺 If I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 🡺 If he was/were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| 5. He fell. He wasn’t wearing mountain boots. | 10. They smoke 10 cigarettes a day, so they cough a lot. |
| 🡺 If he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 🡺 If they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |