



ENGLISH

Chapter 19 Session A

4th
SECONDARY

Second Conditional



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Get talking!

1 Discuss the pictures with a partner.

What can you see? Where are these people? What are they doing?

2 Do you think you are an honest person? Tell your partner.



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82 Listen and read.



Sally: There's a quiz in this magazine: *How honest are you?*
Do you want to do it?

Ryan: Not really. You know I'm not interested in quizzes.

Sally: Number one. If you found an expensive watch on a park bench, what would you do?

Ryan: Huh ... Er, well, if I found a really good watch, I'd keep it.

Sally: Really? You wouldn't take it to the police?

Ryan: No, I'd sell it and give the money to the homeless.

Sally: I see. Number two. If a store clerk gave you too much change, would you give it back?

Ryan: No, I wouldn't. I'd keep it. Prices are too high anyway.

Sally: Hmm ... Number three. If a waiter forgot to charge you for something you ate in a restaurant, would you tell him?

Ryan: No, but I'd leave a bigger tip. Say, this is good! Are there any more questions?


Sally: Yes, but I'm depressed now. I wish you were a little more honest, you know.


Ryan: But I am honest! I'm telling the truth, aren't I?







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Language box



If I **found** a watch, I'd **take** it
to the police.



What **would** you do if you **found** \$20?
I **wish** you **were** more honest.

Grammar reference » p.111

Second conditional

We use the **second conditional** to talk about imaginary or improbable situations in the present or future:

If I had the time, **I'd** exercise more.

What **would** you do **if** you **found** a cell phone?

We make the second conditional with

If + simple past, *would/wouldn't* + verb.



Would/wouldn't can be replaced by *could* to talk about ability:

If you **could** have anything for dinner tonight, what would you have?

If they worked harder, they **could** make more progress.

The ***If* clause** can come either first or second:

If I won \$1,000, I'd be very happy.

I'd be very happy **if** I won \$1,000.



We use a comma after the ***If* clause** when it starts a sentence.

We can say either ***If* I/he/she/it *was*** or ***If* I/he/she/it *were*** in the second conditional:

If the weather ***was/were*** better, we could have a picnic.

If I ***was/were*** rich, I'd live in a big house.



The difference in meaning between the first and second conditional depends on how the speaker sees the situation:

If I win the game, **I'll** call you. (it's possible)

If I won \$1 million, **I'd** buy a plane. (I don't think it will happen.)

I wish + simple past

We use ***I wish* + simple past** to talk about a present situation that we would like to be different:

I wish I lived closer to work.

I wish we didn't have so much homework.



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Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.

better / I / a / I wish / had / job

I wish I had a better job.

1 had / if I / would / bicycle / to work / ride / a / I

2 I / would / go / the chance / to college / if I / had

3 would / happier / if I / be / much / worked /
part-time / I

4 you / complain / the time / I wish / wouldn't / all

5 cooking / would / my / you / tell / if you / didn't like /
me

6 to eat / if you / tonight, / have / what would / you /
choose / anything / could

7 do / if you / what would / a / found / you / cell
phone

8 could / to go / go anywhere, / if you / where / you /
decide / would



2**Match the phrases to make sentences.**

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| 1 If she didn't work so hard, | a I'd go out tonight. |
| 2 If I found \$1,000 on the street, | b if he lived closer to us. |
| 3 I would have more free time | c if we had the time. |
| 4 If I didn't have to do homework, | d if I knew the answer. |
| 5 He would visit us more often | e I'd tell the police. |
| 6 We'd go on vacation | f they'd go swimming every day. |
| 7 If they lived near the beach, | g she wouldn't be so exhausted. |
| 8 Of course I'd tell you | h if I worked less. |



Challenge!

Work with a partner. Ask questions using the second conditional.

What would you do if you ...

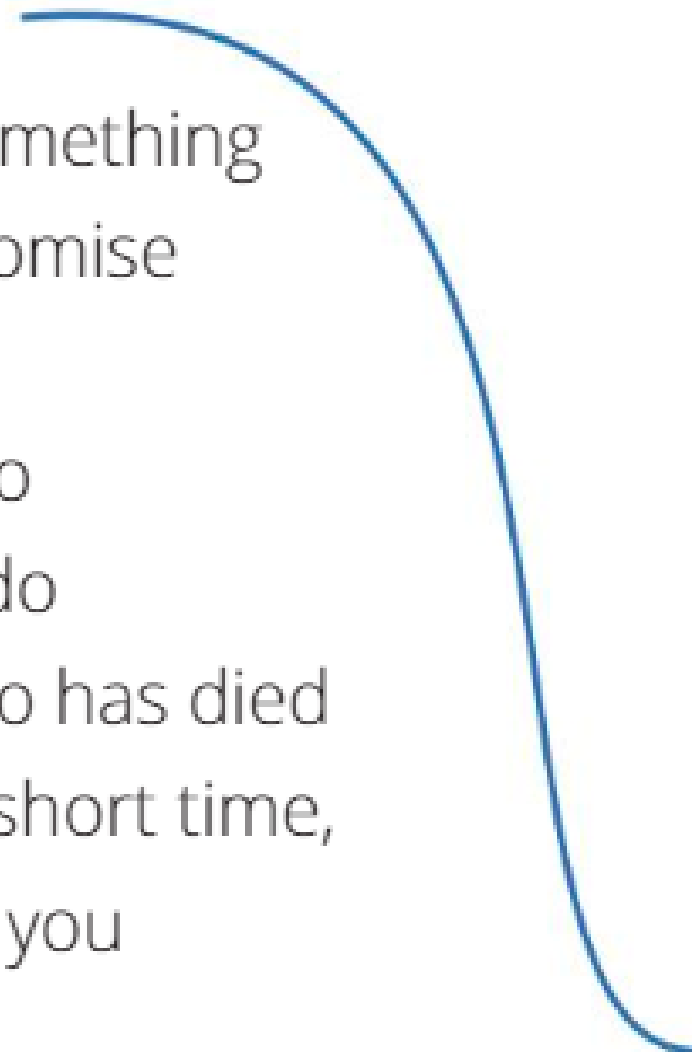
- find / a spider in your room?
- forget / your best friend's birthday?
- other?



Vocabulary

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Match each definition with a verb.

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| 1 | to use your money to make a profit | a | waste |
| 2 | to have enough money to pay for something | b | inherit |
| 3 | to get money from someone and promise to give it back to him or her later | c | afford |
| 4 | to use more money than you need to | d | earn |
| 5 | to receive money for work that you do | e | cost |
| 6 | to receive money from someone who has died | f | owe |
| 7 | to give someone some money for a short time, thinking he or she will give it back to you | g | lend |
| 8 | to need to give someone money | h | borrow |
| 9 | to be priced, for example, \$45 | i | invest |



2 Test a partner. Say a verb. Can your partner remember the meaning?

A: "Earn."

B: *Does that mean "to receive money for the work that you do"?*

Real life exchange

1 Before you listen, complete the conversation using the correct form of each verb. Work with a partner.

borrow forget lend owe pay

A: Tim ¹ _____ me some money, you know.

B: Really? I didn't know that.

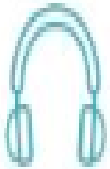
A: Yes. I ² _____ him \$50 last month and he ³ _____ me back yet.

B: That's too bad. I'm sorry to hear that. Maybe he's just forgotten.

A: Well, if I ⁴ _____ some money from someone, I wouldn't ⁵ _____.



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84 Listen and check. Then practice the conversation with your partner.

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Strategy: Showing surprise

1 Respond to each statement by saying *Really?* and repeating the key information.

1 If I could afford it, I'd buy a new car. *Really?*

You'd buy a new car?

2 I'd like to be a chef one day, you know.

3 I saw John last night.

4 This phone only cost \$30.

5 I've been sick all week.



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85 Listen and check. Then practice the conversations with a partner. Add follow-up questions.

A: *If I could afford it, I'd buy a new car.*

B: *Really? You'd buy a new car? What model would you buy?*