

Second Conditional Sentences

Second conditional sentences: *if*+ past simple, *would/could/ might*+ infinitive

- Use the second conditional sentences to talk about a hypothetical / imaginary situation in the present.

Compare:

I don't have much money, so I can't buy a bigger house. (real situation)

*If I **had** more money, I **would buy** a bigger house.*
(hypothetical/imaginary situation)

- Use second conditionals beginning *If I were you, I'd....* to give advice, here you can't use *if I was you....*

If he **spoke** English, he **could get** a job in a hotel.

If I **were** you, I'd **buy** a new computer.

➤ You can use would + infinitive (without if clause) when you talk about imaginary situations.

*My ideal holiday **would** be a week in the Bahamas.*

➤ Remember the difference between first and second conditionals.

If I have time I will help you.

= a possible situation. I may help you.

If I had time, I'd help you.

= an imaginary situation. I don't have time

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. Most people would complain if they(receive) bad service.
2. You won't sell your house if you(not repaint) it first.
3. I'd be a fantastic drummer if I(practise) more often.
4. The waiter will take your order as soon as you (be) ready.
5. I(buy) that guitar if it didn't cost so much.
6. If you do enough revision, you (pass) this exam without a problem.

7. I think this room (look) smaller if you painted it dark blue.

8. She'll give you her final decision after she (speak) to Marc.

9. Teenagers will stay in bed all morning if you(let) them.

10. I wouldn't eat that if you (pay) me a million pounds!

11. If you(have) the opportunity to go on a talent contest, would you take it?

12. We won't tell you unless you (promise) not to tell anyone else.

13. If I (have)the money, I wouldn't work on Saturdays.

14. If I (have) time, I'd learn another language but I am too busy.

15. I would not buy this shirt if I you.

16. If you stopped smoking, you (feel)better.

17. If your house.....(be)so small, you could all stay the night.

18. They wouldn't sell their house even if someone(offer) them a million Euros.