

Conditional type 2



Forms

:If.....past simple....., would
+verb.....

-.....would +verb.....if.....simple
past.....

Use : Conditional type 2 is used to talk about what you would generally do in imaginary situations

Examples :

-If I owned a car, I would drive to work. But I don't own a car.

-She would travel around the world if she had more money. But she doesn't have much money.

-I would read more if I didn't watch so much TV.

- Mary would move to Japan if she spoke Japanese.

-If they worked harder, they would earn more money.

A : What would you do if you won the lottery ?

B :I would buy a house.

A : Where would you live if you moved to the U.S. ?

B :I would live in Seattle.



Notes ;

-In conditional type two, the form « was » is not considered grammatically correct. In written English or in testing situations you should always use « were » .However , in every day conversation , « was » is often used .

Examples :

-If he were French , he would live in Paris.

If she were rich , she would buy a yacht.

-I would play basket ball if I were taller.

-I would buy that computer if it were cheaper.

- Only the word « if » is used with present unreal conditional because we are discussing imaginary situations. »When « cannot be used.

Examples :

-I would buy that computer when it were cheaper. (not correct)

-I would buy that computer if it were cheaper. (correct)

Exception: Conditional with modal verbs

• There are some special conditional forms for modal verbs in English. The words "can", "shall" and "may" can not be used with "would". Instead, they must be used in these special forms:

- Would + can = could
- Would + shall = should
- Would + may = might

Examples:

- If I went to Egypt, I would can learn Arabic (not correct)
- If I went to Egypt, I could learn Arabic (correct)
- If she had time, she would may go to the party. (not correct)
- If she had time, she might go to the party. (correct)

- The words "could", "should", "might" and "ought to" include conditional, so you cannot combine them with "would".

Examples:

- If I had more time, I would could exercise after work (not correct)
- If I had more time, I could exercise after work (correct)
- If he invited you, you really would should go (not correct)
- If he invited you, you really should go (correct)



Use the verbs in brackets in their correct forms :

1. If he (be) here, he would lend us his car.
2. If we (not be) waiting for a telephone call , we (go) downtown now.
3. If you saw the movie , you (like) it.
4. If he (be) rich , he would travel.
5. He would have more free if he (not work) so hard.
6. If I (have) a car , I would visit Cape Breton.
7. We (take) the bus if it began to snow.
8. If you met him , you surely (recognize) him.
9. If we (not have) time , we would let you know.
10. I would not worry about it if you (phone) me

Change each of the following sentences from a statement containing a probable condition to a statement containing a false or improbable condition.

Example :

- They will join us if we send them a message. (Real condition)
- They would join us if we sent them a message. (unreal condition)
1. If they want to see you, they will come to the party.
 - If he is curious, he will ask what we are doing.
 3. She will help us if she has time.
 4. If they work hard , they will succeed.
 5. If I find the manual , I will teach them a lesson.
 6. If she recognizes us , she will wave .
 7. They will treat you well if you are honest with them.
 8. If she likes you, she will tell you.
 9. If he is ready , we will invite him to come.
 10. If they see me , they will want to speak to me.