

Second conditional

Examples

If I were you I wouldn't do that

If you won \$1 million dollars, what would you buy?

If she wasn't hungry she wouldn't be looking at that cake!

If he was an animal what would he be?

If I could fly I would go away far from here What would you do if you saw a shark?

Structure

+	<p>If I were an animal, I'd be a lion IF + (PAST SIMPLE) + (SUBJECT) + WOULD/N'T + (BASE FORM)</p> <p>If she were an animal, she'd be a lion</p> <p>If they were animals, they'd be lions</p>
—	<p>If I wasn't poor, I'd buy a big house IF + (- PAST SIMPLE) + (SUBJECT) + WOULD/N'T + (BASE FORM)</p> <p>If she wasn't poor, she wouldn't live in a small house</p> <p>If they didn't play computer games, they'd pass their exams</p>
?	<p>If you saw a ghost, would you be scared? IF + (PAST SIMPLE) + WOULD/N'T + SUBJECT + (BASE FORM)</p> <p>What would you say if I asked you to marry me? (QUESTION WORD) + WOULD/N'T + (BASE FORM) IF + SUBJECT + (PAST SIMPLE)</p>

was/were

We always say "I /she/he **was**" in the past simple form of BE. However, in the second conditional, we often say "I/she/he **were**."

Would

'Would' is a MODAL verb. MODAL verbs help explain other verbs. E.G. might, may, should. We can sometimes use other modal verbs in second conditional

When we use second conditional

- Imaginary situations, things unlikely to happen
 If I was the manager, I'd sack Michael
- Crazy questions for our friends!
 If you could marry any celebrity, who would it be?

Both have the same meaning

I'd run away if I met an alien
 If I met an alien, I'd run away

Questions – find the mistakes

If I play for a famous football team, I'd play for Manchester United

What would she drank if she was here?

he doesn't be happy if he was here

we'd look really cool if we bought suits

I was stranded on an island I'd look for a monkey friend

