

Second Conditional

We use second conditional to talk about unreal future situations with a very slight chance of happening, or no chance at all. Also, imaginary and impossible situations.

If I won the lottery, I would buy a new house.

If + Subject + Past Simple + ... + , + Subject + Would + Base Verb + ...

Past Simple + Would

What is the difference between the "infinitive" and the "base verb"?

The infinitive is WITH "to": to eat

The base verb is WITHOUT "to": eat

You can also change the order of the sentence, you just remove the comma.

I would buy a house if I won the lottery.

You can also change "would" to "could", "should", or "might".

If I had more free time, I could join the gym.

Let's practise!

Tell me in the comments...

1. If I gave you a million pounds right now, what would you spend it on?
If Emma gave me a million pounds right now, I would be likely to donate half of it to charity and spend the rest on a holiday.
2. What would you do if you had more free time?
I would travel more if I had more free time.
If I had more free time, I would travel more.
3. If you were an animal, which animal would you be and why?
I would be a cat so I could sleep all day if I were an animal.