

Second Conditional

Point 1: The second conditional **refers to the future**, when there is little chance of the action happening.

1. What would you do if you won the lottery?
2. I would quit my job. What would you do?
3. I would move to the beach.
4. I would do that too if I could swim!

Point 2: The **'if'** clause can start the sentence or come at the end of the independent clause.

1. I would be very happy if I saw a full eclipse.
2. If I saw a full eclipse, I would be very happy.
3. If I were tall, I would try out for the basketball team.
4. I would try out for the basketball team if I were tall.

Point 3: Instead of **would** in affirmative sentences, you can **use 'd instead**.

1. I'd be very happy if I saw a full eclipse.
2. If you saved your money, you'd be rich.
3. If they came to class more often, they'd pass.
4. If we practiced more, we'd be pretty good.

Point 4: We can use **'could'** instead of 'would'.

1. I could travel the world if I were a billionaire.
2. If I spoke Spanish, I could work in Costa Rica.
3. If you tried harder, you could get an A in the class.
4. If you saved your money, you could afford to travel.

Second Conditional

Read and listen to four conversations using the grammar.

Conversation 1 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: So, *if* you *were* the boss, *what would you* change about the company?

Woman: Well, first, I *would* let people work from home.

Man: I *would* like that. What else *would* you change?

Woman: I *would* also let employers set their own schedule.

Man: I *would* love that. What hours would you work?

Woman: It *would* change day by day. *If* the weather *was* nice, I *would* work at night.

Man: And if the weather was bad?

Woman: Then I *would* work during the day. What about you?

Man: I'm not sure. Maybe I *would* do the same.

Woman: See. Things *would* be better around here if I were the boss!

Conversation 2 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: *If* you *could* go back to school, what *would* you study?

Woman: I think I *would* study something practical like computer engineering.

Man: What *would* you do with a degree like that?

Woman: I *would* develop apps to help people stay fit, I think, because I love exercise. What about you?

Man: Well, *if* I *could* study anything, I *would* study something I love, like art history.

Woman: Oh, that sounds interesting. *Would* you want to be a teacher?

Man: No, but perhaps I *could* write books or be a tour guide at a museum.

Woman: I like your idea. That sounds nice.

Conversation 3 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: *If* you *were* in charge of the country, what *would* you do?

Woman: Well, first, I *would* make health care free for everyone.

Man: I agree, I *would* do the same. What about education?

Woman: I *wouldn't* make education free, but I *would* make it more affordable.

Man: I like that idea. I *might* make it free, though.

Woman: What about you? If you *could* do one thing, what *would* you do?

Man: *If* I *were* president, I *would* change the tax system so it is fair for everyone.

Woman: Me too. I think the world *would* be a better place *if* we *were* in charge.

Man: I think so, too!

Conversation 4 | [PDF Worksheet](#)

Man: *If* you *won* the lottery, what *would* you buy?

Woman: I think I *would* buy a house. I *would* like to live in the mountains.

Man: What else *would* you do?

Woman: I *would* probably buy a new car.

Man: That *would* be nice.

Woman: What about you? What *would* you do if you won the lottery?

Man: Well, I *would* quit my job and travel the world.

Woman: *Would* you buy a new house or car?

Man: No, I *would* live cheaply, so I *would* never have to work again.

Woman: I think I *would* still work. I *would* get bored if I didn't have a job.

Man: To each his own I guess.

Quiz

Answer these questions about the interview.

1) What would the woman love to change?

- a) **The pay**
- b) The schedule

2) Why does the woman want to study computers?

- a) The pay is great.
- b) **It is practical.**

3) Who would make education free?

- a) **The man**
- b) The woman

4) Who would not buy a new house?

- a) **The man**
- b) The woman

Gap Fill: Complete the conversation with the correct word!

Question 1 of 4

Conversation 1 -

Man: So, if you **employees/were/else/better** the boss, what would you change about the company?

Woman: Well, first, I **during/would/else/were** let people work from home.

Man: I would like that. What **else/were/better/employees** would you change?

Woman: I would also let **were/better/employees/else** set their own schedule.

Man: I would love that. What hours would you work?

Woman: It would **night/change/during/were** day by day. If the weather was nice, I would work at **change/better/night/during**.

Man: And if the weather was bad?

Woman: Then I would work **were/night/change/during** the day. What about you?

Man: I'm not sure. Maybe I would do the same.

Woman: See, things would be **else/better/were/employees** around here if I were the boss!

Question 2 of 4

Conversation 2 -

Man: If you **practical/guide/degree/could** go back to school, what would you study?

Woman: I think I would study something **practical/perhaps/could/anything** like computer engineering.

Man: What would you do with a **guide/teacher/degree/develop** like that?

Woman: I would **teacher/guide/degree/develop** apps to help people stay fit, I think, because I love exercise. What about you?

Man: Well, If I could study **teacher/guide/anything/practical**, I would study something I love, like art history.

Woman: Oh, that sounds interesting. Would you want to be a **degree/perhaps/develop/teacher**?

Man: No, but **degree/practical/teacher/perhaps** I could write books or be a tour **guide/could/degree/develop** at a museum.

Woman: I like your idea. That sounds nice.

Question 3 of 4

Conversation 3 -

Man: If you were in **health/charge/affordable/though** of the country, what would you do?

Woman: Well, first, I would make **health/charge/education/though** carefree for everyone.

Man: I agree, I would do the same. What about **health/education/could/though**?

Woman: I wouldn't make education free, but I would make it more **better/affordable/charge/could**.

Man: I like that idea. I might make it free **though/health/charge/could**.

Woman: What about you? If you **though/could/health/affordable** do one thing, what would you do?

Man: If I were president, I would change the tax **better/though/system/health** so it is fair for everyone.

Woman: Me too. I think the world would be a **system/better/health/education** place if we were in charge.

Man: I think so too!

Question 4 of 4

Conversation 4 -

Man: If you **would/bored/mountains/won** the lottery, what would you buy?

Woman: I think I would buy a house. I would like to live in the **quit/won/would/mountains**.

Man: What else **would/won/probably/bored** you do?

Woman: I would **probably/travel/cheaply/would** buy a new car.

Man: That would be nice.

Woman: What about you? What would you do if you won the lottery?

Man: Well, I would **would/mountains/quit/travel** my job and **travel/cheaply/bored/probably** the world.

Woman: Would you buy a new house or a car?

Man: No, I would live **travel/cheaply/would/probably**, so I would never have to work again.

Woman: I think I would still work. I would get **won/travel/would/bored** if I didn't have a job.

Man: To each his own, I guess.

Corporate Vocabulary

Benchmark

Comparative analysis or reference.

“Ten percent profit is a good benchmark for your business.”

"A net profit margin of 10% is a very competitive benchmark figure for the industry."

Briefing

Summary of important information.

“I only had time to hear the briefing of the news.”

"Due to another commitment, I only had the opportunity to stay for the briefing on the events."

To Follow-up

To track progress.

“Although I trust their promise to fix the issues, we need to follow up.”

"While I value their commitment to these resolutions, we should establish a formal follow-up schedule to ensure progress."

Workshop

A collaborative work session or meeting.

“We are planning an HR workshop to improve the work environment.”

"We are developing a workshop aimed at fostering a more collaborative and positive work environment."