

SECOND CONDITIONAL

B1 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Talk about imagined situations and their results.

1. READ: A tempting job

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Anya: There's a job in Lisbon that looks perfect for you.

Rob: I saw it. **If I spoke** Portuguese, **I'd apply**.

Anya: The advert says English is enough.

Rob: Really? Still, **if I moved** abroad, **I'd miss** my family.

Anya: They could visit. **If I were** you, **I'd find** out more before deciding.

Rob: You're right. I'll email them tonight.

2. GRAMMAR: Imagined present or future situations

Use if + past simple, then would + base verb for an imagined or unlikely situation.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Condition	if + past simple	If I moved abroad, ...
Result	would + base verb	... I'd miss my family.
Advice	If I were you, ...	... I'd find out more.

The past form here does not refer to past time.

Were: If I were you... is common in advice; were can be used with all subjects.

Question: What would you do if you had more free time?

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. If I have / had more time, I'd travel.
2. I would learn / learned French if I lived there.
3. If I were / am you, I'd ask.
4. What would / did you do if you won?
5. If she knew / would know, she'd tell us.
6. We'd go if tickets were / are cheaper.
7. If he had a car, he'd drive / drove.
8. I wouldn't / didn't take it if I were you.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A year off

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the words in brackets.

1. If I _____ (have) a year off, I'd travel.
2. I _____ (visit) Japan if I had enough money.
3. If my friend _____ (come) too, we'd share the costs.
4. We _____ (not / stay) in expensive hotels.
5. What _____ (you / do) if you had a year off?
6. If I _____ (be) you, I'd start saving now.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Join as an imagined situation.

Example: I don't have time, so I don't travel. **If I had time, I'd travel.**

1. I don't have a bike, so I don't cycle.
2. She doesn't live nearby, so we don't meet often.

3-4: Give advice with If I were you. Example: Ask Jo. **If I were you, I'd ask Jo.**

3. Take a break.
4. Don't buy it yet.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three imagined situations and results. Choose money, time, work or travel.

Example: **If I had a free month, I'd visit my cousins. If I lived closer, we'd meet more.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Ask **What would you do if you had a year off?**

Compare your choices and give one piece of advice with **If I were you...**

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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A. CHOOSE

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| 1. had | 2. learn |
| 3. were | 4. would |
| 5. knew | 6. were |
| 7. drive | 8. wouldn't |

B. COMPLETE: A year off

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. had | 2. would visit / 'd visit |
| 3. came | 4. wouldn't stay / would not stay |
| 5. would you do | 6. were (also was in informal use) |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. If I had a bike, I'd cycle.
2. If she lived nearby, we'd meet often.
3. If I were you, I'd take a break.
4. If I were you, I wouldn't buy it yet.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: If I had a year off, I'd learn Spanish. If I lived abroad, I'd call home often. If I were you, I'd plan ahead.

Teacher note: Accept contractions and informal was where appropriate; model were in advice. Keep mixed conditionals for B2.