

Second-conditional sentences

We use second-conditional sentences to express highly improbable or impossible facts in present situations.

We form second-conditional sentences with the simple past + *would* + the base form of the verb. For example:

(Highly improbable): *If I were a millionaire, I would buy an island.*

(Impossible): *If I were you, I would tell him the truth.*

To express these unreal present situations, we use:

If + past tense, would + verb (base form)

Task 1: Complete these sentences using the correct form of the verbs.

1. If I _____ (win) the lottery, I _____ (travel) around the world.
2. If she _____ (be) older, she _____ (understand).
3. I _____ (visit) her in Australia if I _____ (have) the time and money to go.
4. If I _____ (have) his telephone number, I _____ (call) him.
5. I _____ (get) a better job if I _____ (speak) English well.

Task 2: Complete the text about Henry with the correct form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. If Henry _____ (eat) healthier food, he _____ (not / be) sick so often.
2. If he _____ (not / be) sick so often, he _____ (not / miss) so many classes.
3. If his parents _____ (not / allow) him to drink so much coke, he _____ (sleep) much better.
4. If Henry _____ (sleep) better at night, he _____ (start) his day with more energy.
5. If he _____ (start) his day with more energy, he _____ (do) many more things and practice a sport.
6. If Henry _____ (practice) a sport, he _____ (stay) fit and healthy.