

53 Unlikely situations

English uses the second conditional to describe the result of an unlikely or impossible event. Because the event is unlikely, the result is also unlikely.

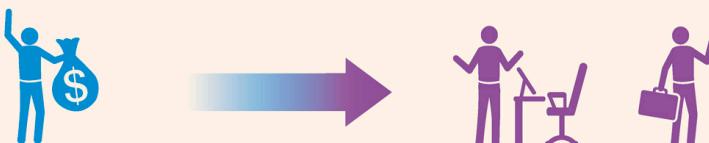
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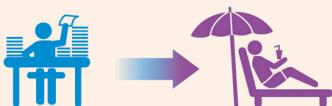
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53.1 KEY LANGUAGE THE SECOND CONDITIONAL

Like the first conditional, the second conditional uses "if" to describe an action. The result is described using "would."

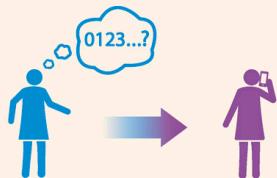


53.2 FURTHER EXAMPLES THE SECOND CONDITIONAL



If he wasn't so busy, he'd go on vacation.

"He would" can be shortened to "he'd"



I'd call her if I knew her number.

The action can come after the result in second conditional sentences. There is no comma before "if."

53.3 HOW TO FORM THE SECOND CONDITIONAL

IF PAST SIMPLE COMMA "WOULD" + BASE FORM OF VERB

If I won the lottery, I would leave my

— “If” shows that the sentence is conditional.

- Past simple tense
describes the action.

COMMA

“WOULD” + BASE FORM OF VERB

I would leave my job.

- Comma separates action from result.

- Result is described using “would” + verb.



53.4 FILL IN THE GAPS TO FORM SECOND CONDITIONAL SENTENCES USING THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

If she applied (apply) for the job, we would offer (offer) it to her.

- 1 If my job is (be) better paid, I will buy (buy) my own apartment.
- 2 We will employ (employ) many more staff if we have (have) more office space.
- 3 If they raise (raise) enough money, they will start (start) their own business.
- 4 We will increase (increase) our profits if we advertise (advertise) on national TV.



53.5 LISTEN TO THE AUDIO AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS



Gavin tells Sara about his new business idea.

Gavin wants to run a hotel.

True False

- 1 Gavin needs to raise money to buy the house.

True False

- 2 Gavin says they wouldn't need much money.

True False

- 3 Gavin says there's no need to sell their house.

True False

- 4 Sara doesn't take Gavin's idea seriously.

True False

- 5 Gavin thinks he could make a lot of money.

True False

- 6 Sara thinks they should make a quick decision.

True False



53.6 MATCH THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SENTENCES TO THE CORRECT ENDINGS

If I had the money,

1 If he sold his apartment,

2 If she invested her money wisely,

3 If he took his work seriously,

4 If we modernized the factory,

he'd buy a villa in Spain.

she'd be very rich.

we'd increase productivity.

I'd invest in your business.

he'd be offered a promotion.



53.7 KEY LANGUAGE COLLOCATIONS WITH "DO" AND "MAKE"

In collocations, "do" is generally used to talk about regular tasks or activities. "Make" generally expresses a single action or the creation of something new.



Use "do" for ongoing activities.

I do the paperwork on Tuesday afternoons.



Use "make" for single actions.

He always makes decisions very quickly.



Aa 53.8 READ THE EMAIL AND MATCH THE COLLOCATIONS TO THEIR DEFINITIONS

To: Olivia Barnett
Subject: Feedback

Dear Olivia,

Thank you for being such a great intern. You always do your job efficiently and everyone enjoys working with you.

You asked us for some feedback to help you improve. When you do business with a company, always do your research thoroughly before you make an appointment to meet clients. If you study the company carefully, you can make suggestions that will impress your clients! You should also always do your paperwork thoroughly. Please don't always do your paperwork thoroughly. Please don't be afraid to ask for help if you make a mistake.

Finally, although we don't usually employ interns, we want to make an exception in your case. We would like to offer you a permanent job.

Regards, Reena



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53.9 REWRITE THE SENTENCES, CORRECTING THE ERRORS

I'll do mistakes if I rush my work.

I'll make mistakes if I rush my work.

1 I think I've done the right decision.

2 Levi can help you make the paperwork.

3 I enjoy making business with new clients.

4 If you worked harder, you'd make a better job.

5 Selma always does great suggestions.

6 I need to do an important call.

7 Have you made your research properly?

8 Can you do an exception for me?

9 I've done an appointment to see Mr. Cox.



53.10 SAY THE SENTENCES OUT LOUD, FILLING IN THE GAPS

Have you made that phone call yet?



1 He make mistakes all the time.



2 It was great to make business with you.



3 Can I make a suggestion?



4 I'm afraid we can't make an exception.



5 You've done a great job this week.



6 It's important to do your research.



7 I hate doing the paperwork.



53 ✓ CHECKLIST

Second conditional

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