

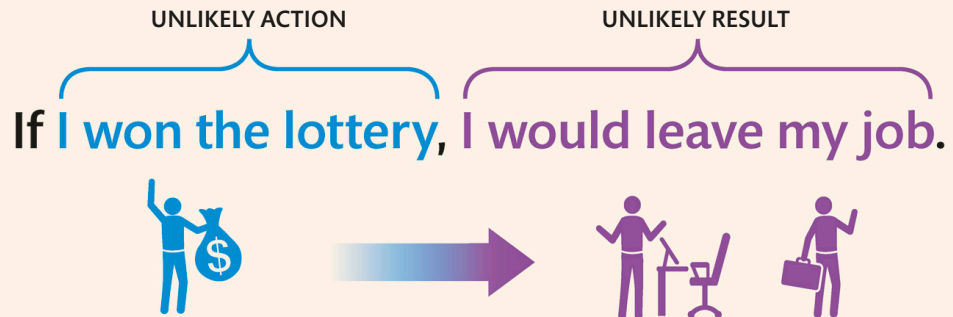
# 53 Unlikely situations

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.

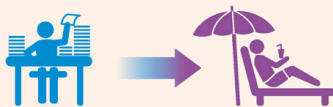
- New language** Second conditional
- Vocabulary** Collocations with "make" and "do"
- New skill** Talking about future dreams

## 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.**

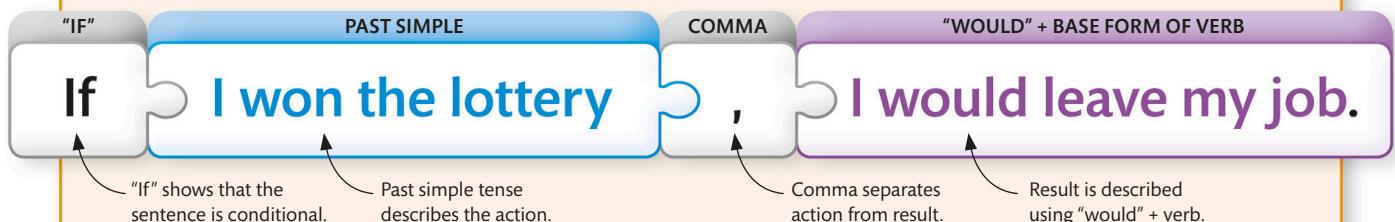
"He would" can be shortened to "he'd."



**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





### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ (be) better paid, I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) my own apartment.
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ (employ) many more staff if we \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more office space.
- 3 If they \_\_\_\_\_ (raise) enough money, they \_\_\_\_\_ (start) their own business.
- 4 We \_\_\_\_\_ (increase) our profits if we \_\_\_\_\_ (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.



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

**To:** Olivia Barnett

**Subject:** Feedback





Dear Olivia,

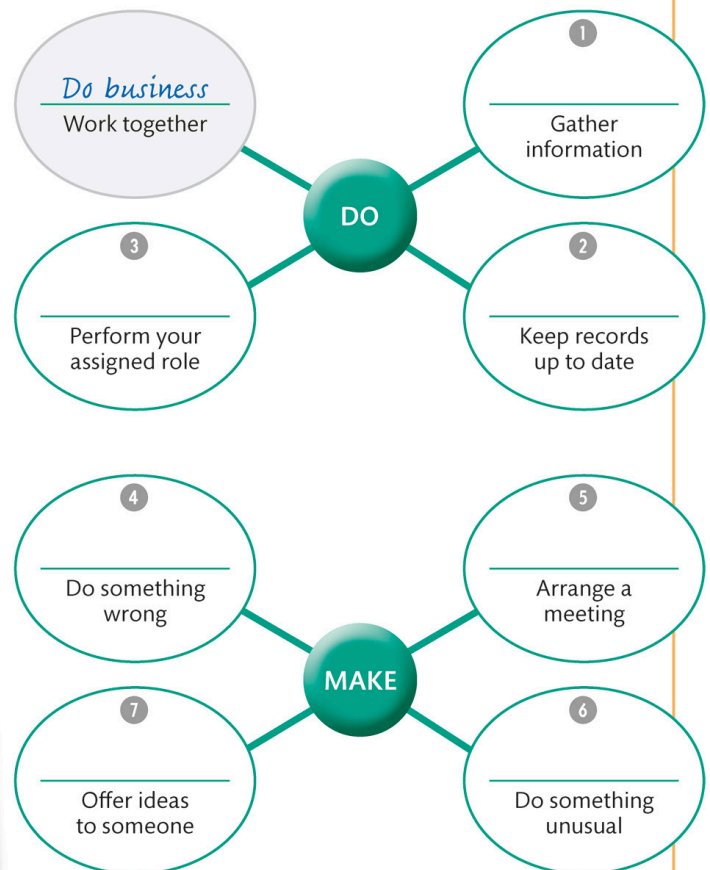
Thank you for being such a great intern. You always **do your job** efficiently and everyone enjoys working with you.

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 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



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes all the time.



2 It was great to \_\_\_\_\_ business with you.



3 Can I \_\_\_\_\_ a suggestion?



4 I'm afraid we can't \_\_\_\_\_ an exception.



5 You've \_\_\_\_\_ a great job this week.



6 It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ your research.



7 I hate \_\_\_\_\_ the paperwork.



## 53 CHECKLIST



Second conditional ☐

Aa Collocations with "make" and "do" ☐



Talking about future dreams ☐