

## Conditional Sentences – Second Condition

### Verb Tenses in Second Conditional Sentences

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verb provided.

1. It's Monday today, but if it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) Saturday, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the beach.
2. I don't have any money now, but if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) some, I \_\_\_\_\_ (lend) it to you.
3. I have to work tomorrow, but if I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) free, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) shopping with you.
4. Amy can only speak one language, but if she \_\_\_\_\_ (can) speak two languages, she \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) for a job at the Multicultural Center.
5. Sue doesn't know how to knit. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (know) how to knit, she \_\_\_\_\_ (make) a sweater for you for your birthday.
6. I don't own a pair of skis. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) skis, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) skiing with you tomorrow.
7. I can't understand what he's saying. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (speak) more clearly, I \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) more.
8. We are not going to buy that house, but if it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a little cheaper, we \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) it.
9. He is not going to pass his exam. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder, he \_\_\_\_\_ (pass).
10. John has a lot of car accidents. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (drive) more carefully, he \_\_\_\_\_ (have) fewer accidents.
11. Beth eats a lot of junk food. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) healthier food, she \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) weight.
12. Robert smokes a lot. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (quit) smoking, his cough \_\_\_\_\_ (get) better.
13. Frank is always tired. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed earlier every night, he \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) much better.

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**Directions:** Choose the correct verb tense in each of the following sentences.

1. If I were hungry, I \_\_\_\_\_ a sandwich.
2. I would buy a new car if I \_\_\_\_\_ more money.
3. If he \_\_\_\_\_ his homework everyday, he would get better marks.
4. If our parents were here, they \_\_\_\_\_ us what to do.
5. I would help her if she \_\_\_\_\_ me.
6. If I found a \$20 dollar bill on the street, I \_\_\_\_\_ it.
7. I \_\_\_\_\_ to your party on Saturday if I didn't have to work.
8. I would call them if I \_\_\_\_\_ their telephone number.

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| 1. a) make      | b) will make  | c) would make |
| 2. a) had       | b) have       | c) will have  |
| 3. a) does      | b) did        | c) will do    |
| 4. a) told      | b) would tell | c) tell       |
| 5. a) will ask  | b) asked      | c) asks       |
| 6. a) will keep | b) kept       | c) would keep |
| 7. a) came      | b) would come | c) will come  |
| 8. a) knew      | b) know       | c) will know  |

## Conditional Sentences – Second Condition

### A. Matching Exercise

Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the correct ending on the right.

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| 1. If I were hungry... _____            | A. if I were bald.                      |
| 2. If I were thirsty... _____           | B. if the neighbors were very noisy.    |
| 3. I would go to the dentist... _____   | C. I would take it again.               |
| 4. I would buy a wig... _____           | D. if I came to work late again.        |
| 5. I would quit my job... _____         | E. I would eat something.               |
| 6. If I saw a bad car accident... _____ | F. if I had to work overtime every day. |
| 7. I would move... _____                | G. I would move to Mexico.              |
| 8. If I spoke Spanish... _____          | H. I would make some lemonade.          |
| 9. If I failed the course... _____      | I. I would call an ambulance.           |
| 10. The boss would fire me... _____     | J. if I had a tooth ache.               |

### B. Sentence Completion

Complete the following sentences using your own words.

1. If I had some free time, \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I would move to a bigger apartment if \_\_\_\_\_.
3. If I had a bike, \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I would walk to school everyday if \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I would go to the doctor if \_\_\_\_\_.
6. If I had a roommate, \_\_\_\_\_.
7. If I knew his name, \_\_\_\_\_.
8. If I had a dog, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Conditional Sentences – Second Condition

**Directions:** Read the conditional sentences below and answer the questions that follow each one.

Ex. If it weren't raining, I would go for a long walk.

a. Is it raining? Yes.      b. Am I going for a long walk? No.

1. If I knew her well, I would call her.

a. Do I know her well? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Am I going to call her? \_\_\_\_\_

2. If he had a university degree, he would apply for the job.

a. Does he have a university degree? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Is he going to apply for the job? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Does he want to apply for the job? \_\_\_\_\_

3. If I couldn't speak French, I wouldn't go to France for my month long vacation.

a. Can I speak French? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Am I going to France for my vacation? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If I owned a car, I wouldn't take the bus to work.

a. Do I own a car? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Do I take the bus to work? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Would I rather drive to work than take the bus? \_\_\_\_\_

5. If I had a lot of money, I would lend you some.

a. Do I have a lot of money? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Am I going to lend you some money? \_\_\_\_\_

6. If I didn't have such fair skin, I probably wouldn't sunburn so badly.

a. Do I have fair skin? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Do I get bad sunburns? \_\_\_\_\_

7. If I were afraid to watch scary movies, I wouldn't go to that show.

a. Am I afraid to watch scary movies? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Am I going to go to that show? \_\_\_\_\_

8. If I didn't have a lot of homework tonight, I would go to your party.

a. Do I have a lot of homework tonight? \_\_\_\_\_      b. Am I going to go to your party tonight? \_\_\_\_\_  
c. Do I want to go to your party? \_\_\_\_\_

## Second Conditional – Class Discussion

### *Imagine*

**Directions: Work in small groups. Complete the chart below by asking your classmates the following questions using the second condition.**

1. If you won a million dollars, what would you do with it?
2. If you could have three wishes, what would you wish for?
3. If you could buy a any new car, what kind would you buy?
4. If you could spend a day with any famous person in the world, who would you choose?
5. If you had enough money to travel any place in the world, where would you go first?
6. If you could have any job you wanted, what would it be?
7. If you could live any where in the world, where would you choose to live?
8. If you were the leader of your country, what would you try to do first?

Questions	Classmate #1	Classmate #2	Classmate #3	Classmate #4
1. (million dollars)				
2. (three wishes)				
3. (kind of car)				
4. (famous person)				
5. (travel)				
6. (job)				
7. (place to live)				
8. (leader)				
9. (found money)				
10. (health or wealth)				

## Second Conditional – *What's your Advice?*

**Directions:** Read the following situations and then give advice using the second condition.

ex. Your friend eats a lot of junk food and sweets and then complains that he is fat.

*If you ate healthier, you wouldn't have a problem with your weight.*

1. Andrea doesn't pay attention in class. Then she doesn't understand the homework.

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2. Bob is always late because he doesn't wear a watch.

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3. Maria is not a good tennis player because she never practices.

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4. Father always burns the dinner because he doesn't set the timer on the oven.

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5. Johnny's mom often gets mad at Johnny because he doesn't pick up his toys.

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6. Ben gets a lot of speeding tickets because he drives too fast.

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7. Andrew coughs a lot because he smokes.

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8. Claire doesn't feel good because she doesn't exercise.

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9. Betty can never take a vacation because she spends all her money on new clothes.

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10. Kevin doesn't get good grades because he doesn't study much.

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## Second Condition – Negative Sentences

Complete the following sentences with the correct tense of the verbs provided.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) to that restaurant. The food is terrible.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) at work today if she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) such a bad headache.
3. If he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/go) to bed so late every night, he \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) so tired every day.
4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/live) so far away from me, I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) you every weekend.
5. Sophia \_\_\_\_\_ (not/marry) Andrew if she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/love) him.
6. Betty \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the party if her baby \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) sick.
7. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) on a diet, I \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) a piece of your chocolate cake.
8. I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/take) the bus to school if I \_\_\_\_\_ (live) closer.
9. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) coffee in the evening, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be able) to sleep.
10. I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) that computer if it \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) so expensive.
11. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) such a bad cold, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) in bed now.
12. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) your sales receipt, the store \_\_\_\_\_ (not/give) you your money back.
13. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/give) the taxi driver a tip, he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) angry.
14. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have to) work tonight, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the football game with you.

## Comparing First and Second Conditional Sentences *with Hope and Wish*

**Read the examples below using hope and wish and the first and second condition.**

I hope it is sunny tomorrow. *If it is sunny, I will go to the beach.*

I hope I get the job. *If I get the job, we will go to a restaurant and celebrate.*

I wish I were ten years younger. *If I were younger, I would travel around the world.*

I wish I didn't have to work tonight. *If I didn't have to work, I would go to your party.*

**Read the examples below using hope and wish and the first and second condition.**

1. I hope I pass the exam. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. I hope John comes to the party. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. I wish I had a dog. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. I wish I could speak Spanish fluently. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. I wish I lived in a bigger apartment. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. I wish I weren't so shy. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. I hope I win the tennis match tomorrow. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. I wish I could afford to travel. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. I hope the plane arrives on time. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. I wish I knew her address. If \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Second Conditional Sentences

### *What Would You Do and How Would You Feel?*

Answer the following questions using the second condition.

1. What would you do if you saw someone having a heart attack? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What would you do if a fire broke out in your house or apartment? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. How would you feel if you went to a party and you were the only one who didn't bring a present?

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\_\_\_\_\_

4. What would you do if you were lying in bed late at night and you heard someone trying to break into your house? How would you feel?

\_\_\_\_\_

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5. What would you do if your neighbors had noisy parties every week-end?

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6. How would you feel if your landlord told you that you had to move out of your apartment in one week? What would you do?

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7. How would you feel if your teacher told you that you were going to have a big exam tomorrow? What would you do?

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\_\_\_\_\_

## Second Conditional – Sentence Strips (page 1 of 2)

### TEACHER'S PAGE

**Instructions:** Cut the following *if* and *main* clauses into strips and give one clause to each student. Have the students memorize their clause and then search the room for the matching clause.

*(Also, as an alternative task, you can give your students the strips sheets on page 14 & 15. They are already mixed up. Students cut up the sheets and try to arrange all the strips into the correct order. They can work in pairs, groups or alone. Make it a contest to see who can finish first.)*

If I had a bad cough,	... I would go to the doctor.
If I saw a robbery,	... I would call the police.
If I had a headache,	... I would take an aspirin.
If I didn't pay my bills,	... I would get into trouble.
If we didn't go to their party,	... they would be very disappointed.
If the factory closed down,	... many people would lose their jobs.
If someone walked into the building with a gun,	... I would be terrified.
If my boyfriend broke up with me,	... I would be very sad.
If my landlord raised the rent,	... I would look for a new apartment.
If you paid attention in class,	... You would understand the lesson.

**Second Conditional – Sentence Strips** *(continued... page 2 of 2)*

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If it rained,	... we would have to cancel the picnic.
If I weren't on a diet,	... I would order cake.
If we took a taxi,	... we would arrive on time.
If you apologized to him,	... he would forgive you.
If I needed money,	... I would borrow some from the bank.
If I sold my old car,	... I probably wouldn't get much money for it.
If it stopped raining,	... we would go for a long walk.
If I saw someone drowning,	... I'd jump in the water and try to save him.
If I were shy,	... I wouldn't be able to make public speeches.

## Answers

### Page 1 – Verb Tenses

1. were / would go    2. had / would lend    3. were / would go    4. could / would apply    5. knew / would make    6. had / would go  
7. spoke / would understand    8. were / would buy    9. studied / would pass    10. drove / would have    11. ate / would lose    12. quit / would get  
13. went / would feel

### Page 2 – Verb Tenses

1. c    2. a    3. b    4. b    5. b    6. c    7. b    8. a

### Page 3 – Matching and Sentence Completion

- Ex. A    1. E    2. H    3. J    4. A    5. F    6. I    7. B    8. G    9. C    10. D

### Ex. B (Individual answers)

#### Sample answers

- If I had some free time, I would go to New York.  
I would move to a bigger apartment if I had more money.  
If I had a bike, I would ride to work every day.  
I would walk to school everyday if I lived closer.  
I would go to the doctor if I felt really sick.  
If I had a roommate, I wouldn't feel so lonely.  
If I knew his name, I would call him.  
If I had a dog, I would take it for walks everyday.

### Page 4 - Comprehension

1. a. no b. no    2. a. no b. no c. yes    3. a. yes b. yes    4. a. no b. yes c. yes  
5. a. no b. no    6. a. yes b. yes    7. a. no b. yes    8. a. yes b. no c. yes

### Page 5 – Class Discussion

#### Page 6 – What's your Advice? (Students may use *you* or the third person in their answers.)

1. If she (or you) paid attention in class, she (or you) would understand the homework.
2. If he wore a watch, he wouldn't always be late.
3. If she practiced more, she would be a good tennis player.
4. If he set the timer on the stove, he wouldn't burn the dinner.
5. If Johnny picked up his toys, his mother wouldn't get mad.
6. If he drove slower, he wouldn't get so many speeding tickets.
7. If he quit smoking, he wouldn't cough so much.
8. If she exercised more, she would feel better.
9. If she spent less on clothes, she could take a vacation.
10. If he studied more, he would get good grades.

### Page 7 – Negative Sentences

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. were / wouldn't go        | 2. would be / didn't have       | 3. didn't go / wouldn't be      |
| 4. didn't live / would visit | 5. wouldn't marry / didn't love | 6. wouldn't go / weren't        |
| 7. weren't / wouldn't eat    | 8. wouldn't take / lived        | 9. drank / wouldn't be able     |
| 10. would buy / weren't      | 11. didn't have / wouldn't be   | 12. didn't have / wouldn't give |
| 13. didn't give / would be   | 14. didn't have to / would go   |                                 |

## Answers

### Answer Key (continued)

#### Page 8 – Comparing First and Second Conditionals

(Individual Responses) Sample Answers

If I pass exam, I will celebrate.

If John comes to the party, we'll have a lot of fun.

If I had a dog, I would name it Coco.

If I could speak Spanish fluently, I would travel through South America.

If I lived in a bigger apartment, I would buy more furniture.

If I weren't so shy, I would have more job opportunities.

If I win the tennis match tomorrow, I will be in the finals.

If I could afford to travel, I would go to Europe.

If the plane arrives on time, we will take them to the concert.

If I knew her address, I would send her a card.

#### Page 9 – What Would You Do and how Would You Feel?

Individual Responses

#### Page 10 & 11 – Sentence Strips

**Second Conditional – Sentence Strips** (page 1 of 2)**Sentence Race**

Work with a partner. Cut up these strips and then match them. See if you can be the fastest in the class to match all the sentences correctly.

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