



Conditional Sentences – Type 2

Type 2 – Unreal present or future conditionals

Use: We use this to talk about something that is untrue or unlikely to happen in the future.

Example:

I don't have a car. If I had one, I would show you round the town.

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Past tense would + verb

Exercise 1:

Complete the sentences using the given words.

1. If people were not so greedy, the world would be (be) a better place.
2. If you throw a piece of wood into the sea, it floats (float).
3. If I were you, I would spend (spend) less time watching television.
4. If it rains (rain) heavily, there will be flooding.
5. If David were here, he would tell (tell) us the whole story.
6. If I were you, I would not argue (not argue) with him.
7. If I was/were (be) a king, I would live in a palace.
8. If she was/were (be) a man, she would inherit a lot of money from her father.
9. Bob would speak (speak) Mandarin much better if he practised every day.
10. If I was/were (be) a popular singer, I would be rich.
11. If I was/were (be) a doctor, how much would I be paid?
12. If I were Peter, I would not forgive (not forgive) Leslie.
13. If you do not pay attention in class, you will not learn (not learn) anything.
14. I would be better-looking if I had (have) a smaller nose.
15. If James makes (make) a promise, he always keeps it.



Exercise 2:

Write the questions based on the answers given.

Example: What would you do if you were a policeman?

I would arrest all the criminals if I were a policeman.

1. What would you do if you won the lottery?

I would buy a big house if I won the lottery.

2. What would we do if typhoon no. 8 was hoisted?

We would stay at home if typhoon no. 8 was hoisted.

3. What would their mother do if they broke the laws?

Their mother would be very angry if they broke the laws.

4. What would you do if you could not get in a university in Hong Kong?

I would study overseas if I could not get in a university in Hong Kong.

5. What would you do if your flat was as big as mine?

I would have a pet if my flat was as big as yours.