

THEME 9 MODERN HEROES AND HEROINES GRAMMAR

SECOND CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

We use Second Conditional sentences to talk about unreal or imaginary situations that are not likely to happen in the present or the future.

if- clause

main clause

If + the Past Simple

would/could + base form

If you were more careful,

you wouldn't make so many mistakes.

If I were a superhero,

I would protect all the people in the world from the wicked.

If I had superpowers,

I would use them to help people.

If I could fly,

I wouldn't be late for my appointments.

If you ate less bread,

you would lose some weight

If I had some free time,

I'd travel abroad with my family.

*** We can use were instead of was in the if clause of second conditional sentences.

If Tony were older, he could vote.

Exercises A. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete these sentences.

1. If I _____ (win) the lottery, I _____ (buy) a villa.
2. Where _____ you _____ (go) if you _____ (have) a week off?
3. What _____ you _____ (do) if you _____ (find) a wallet in the street?
4. If I _____ (be) very rich, I _____ (donate) a lot of money to charities.
5. What _____ you _____ (change) if you _____ (be) the headmaster of your school for one day?
6. Which country _____ you _____ (choose) if you _____ (have) the chance to buy a house there?
7. If my father _____ (not/ work) here, he _____ (not/ get) so tired.

Exercises B. Discuss the following questions.

1. What would you do if you were rich?
2. Where would you live if you had the chance to choose?
3. Where would you travel if you could go abroad?
4. Who would you be if you were a famous person for a day?
5. What would you do if you were the president of your country for a day?

EXPRESSING WISHES

We use the Past Simple after the verb wish when we want to make a wish about a present or future situation (when we want the situation to be different).

*** We can use were instead of was in the sentences as well.

I wish I were taller.

I wish we lived in a big city.

I wish I were a superhero.

I wish I could fly.

I wish I could speak German.

I wish I didn't have to get up so early.

I wish I had a lot of money.

Exercises A. Read the sentences below and make a wish for each situation.

1. I want to learn to play the violin very well.

I wish _____

2. I don't have a laptop, but I'd like one.

3. I'm unhappy because I'm not fit.

4. I want to start scuba diving, but we live far away from the coast.

5. My room is so small.

6. I'd like to go on holiday, but I have to work.

7. My hair is too curly. I'm not happy about it.

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