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Second and third conditional

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First conditional vs second conditional

First conditional
(possible)

If present, **will**

Example (=Maybe I will find her; it's possible)

If I **find** her, I'll **tell** her that I love her.

Second conditional
(not possible)

If past, **would**

Example (=I will not find her; it's improbable)

If I **found** her, I'd **tell** her that I love her.

Second
Conditional



We use it to talk about things in the future that are not certain to be true. Also, to talk about something in the present which is impossible, unreal or hypothetical.

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GRAMMAR

If clause
(condition)

If

past

comma

,

main clause
(result)

would

could

Second conditional

Examples

If we **were** together, we **would** be happier.

If I **had** a better salary, I **could travel** more.

IMPORTANT!
Would can be
contracted as 'd

NOTE: The order of the clauses is not fixed: We can put the main clause at the beginning. Then we don't use a comma between the two clauses.



- If I **were** the president, I **would lower** taxes.
- They **would stay** longer if they **had** more time.



Exception

If I were you...

MEANING:

You imagine yourself in the position or situation of the other person. It is used **TO GIVE ADVICE**.

If I were you,

+

I would + verb

If I were you,

I would study more.

If I were you,

I wouldn't do that.

I would + verb

+

if I were you

I would go to the doctor

if I were you.

I wouldn't go there

if I were you.



If I were you, I wouldn't eat that.

AN EXCEPTION ABOUT THE VERB 'TO BE'

When we use the verb 'to be' in the second conditional, the past form is always 'were' and not 'was' for the subjects *I, he, she and it*.

Exercise 1

1.- If I _____ more money, I'd travel more.

- a) would have ) had c) have

2.- A lot of health problems could be prevented if people _____ better.

- a) eat b) would eat ) ate

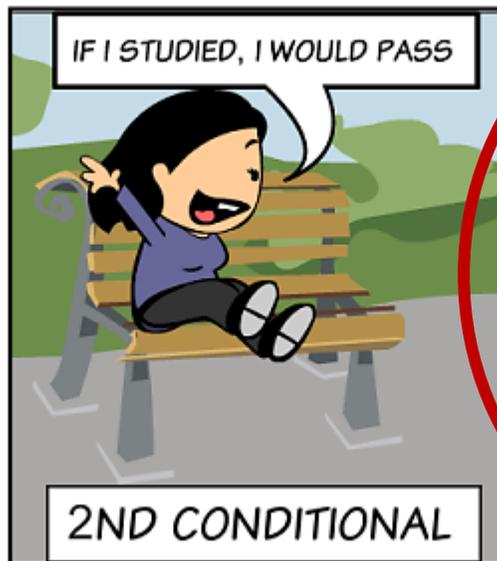
3.- If I had her number, I _____ her; but I don't have it.

- a) call ) would call c) called

4.- Our kids would be happier if we _____ in the country.

-  lived b) 'd live c) live

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This is the way we imagine how things could have been different in the past. If something had been different, something else would have happened. Notice that both the condition and the result are impossible now.

GRAMMAR

Situación:

If +  + had + past participle + ,

PAST PERFECT
(CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)

Consecuencia:

+  + would have + past participle

WOULD HAVE
(CONDITIONAL CLAUSE)

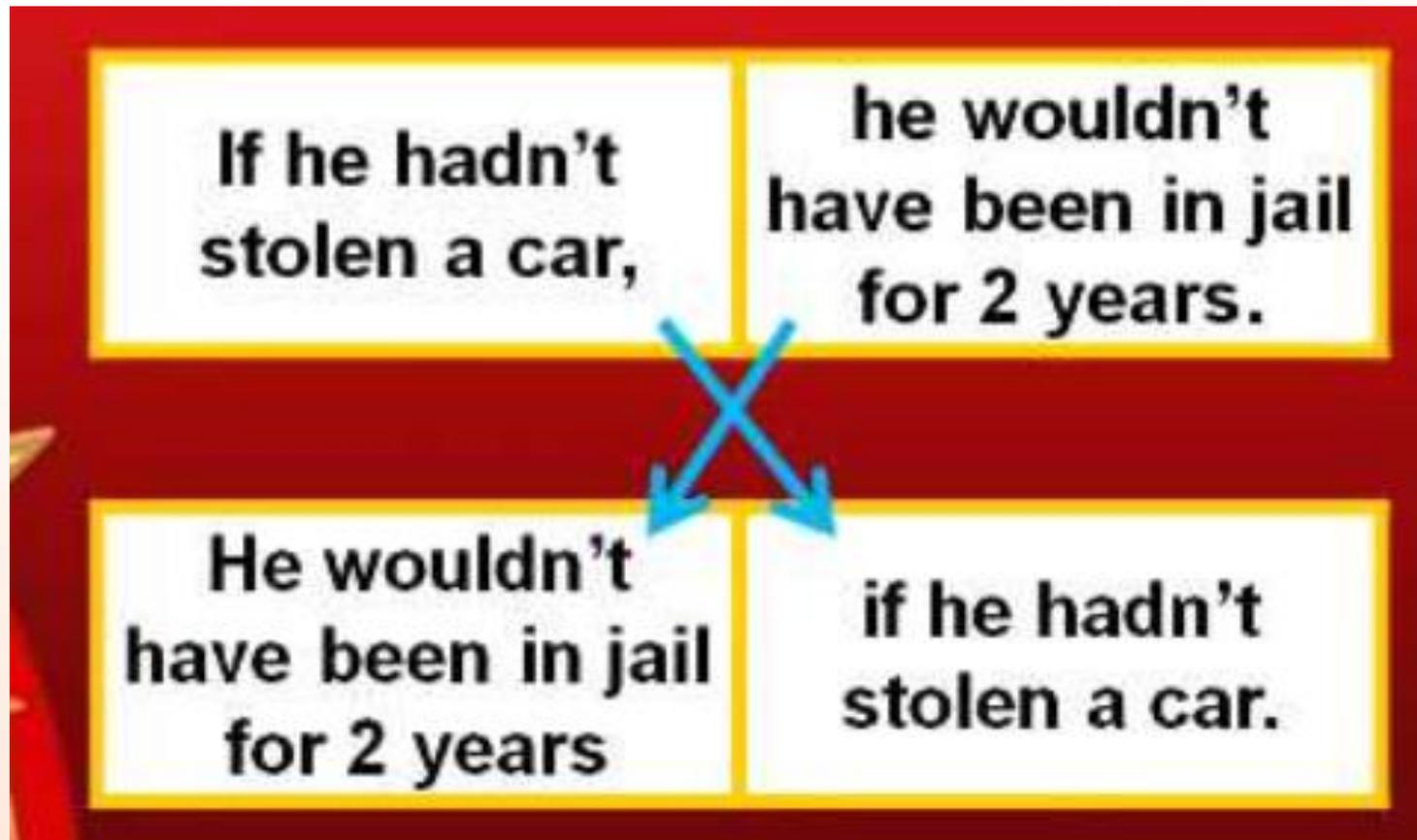


If I had seen her, I would have told her to call you.



- If I **had got** a gold medal, I **would have been** happy.
- If I **had met** Susan last week, I **would have given** her the book.

NOTE: The order of the clauses is not fixed: We can put the main clause at the beginning. Then we don't use a comma between the two clauses.





You can also use modals in the main clause instead of *would* to express the degree of certainty, permission, or a recommendation about the outcome.

Third Conditional

Would	If I had remembered it was your birthday, I would have bought you a present.
Could	If I had saved my money, I could have gone on holiday.
Might	If we had had time, we might have gone to the beach.



To refer to situations in the past that never happened and imagine what results they would have had.



If I had had famous parents, I would have had an amazing life.



If you had helped me, I wouldn't have failed the exam.

To express regret for not having performed an action in the past.



If I'd worked harder, I'd have got a promotion.



If I'd been careful,
I wouldn't have cut myself.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct option.

1. There wouldn't have been so many problems if they _____ the race a bit better.

a) 'd have organized b) organized  c) had organized

2.- We _____ lost if you had asked for directions.

 a) wouldn't have got b) wouldn't get c) hadn't got

3.- We would never have met if you _____ us to each other at that party.

a) hasn't introduced b) wouldn't have introduced  c) hadn't introduced

4.- If she had embarrassed me in front of all my friends, I _____ her forever.

a) will hate b) had hated  c) would have hated