
BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

Take an English class on the second conditional with Sarah

Now let's practise what you learned in the lesson!

Exercise 1

Use the correct form of the word in brackets to make second conditional sentences.

Example:

- 0) I would take a coat if I _____ (be) you. = *I would take a coat if I were you.*
- 1) If you _____ (stop) teasing her, she wouldn't cry so much.
- 2) I wouldn't go back to Greece if I _____ _____ (not/have) the money.
- 3) If he really _____ (love) her, he would buy a diamond ring.
- 4) If we had his number, we would _____ (call) him.
- 5) If I _____ (meet) Beyonce, I would be so nervous!
- 6) My English wouldn't _____ (improve) if I didn't go to classes every day.
- 7) She would pass the exam if she _____ (study) more.
- 8) I would be angry with you if we _____ (are/not) friends.

Well done! Now you can check your answers at the bottom of the next page



Exercise 2: Writing and Speaking Practice

What dreams and ambitions do you have? What would you do if you achieved these dreams and ambitions? Write about them in the space below, using the second conditional. Use at least five examples of the second conditional.

Compare your answers with a friend. Are your dreams and ambitions similar or different to each other?

Example: *One of my dreams is to visit the Pyramids of Giza in Egypt. If I got the chance to visit them, I would be so excited.*

Answers to Exercise 1

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