Second Conditional Worksheet with Answers

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Remember

Form	Example
If + past simple, would + verb	If I had more time, I'd learn the piano.
were for all persons (formal and in advice)	If I were you, I'd take the job.
could / might instead of would	If we left now, we could catch the train.
First = real possibility; second = imagined or unlikely	If I see him, I'll ask. If I saw a ghost, I'd scream.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
If I would have money, I would travel.	If I had money, I would travel.
If I am you, I would accept.	If I were you, I would accept.
What you would do if you won?	What would you do if you won?

1. Complete

Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I _____ (have) a car, I _____ (drive) to work.
2. If she _____ (live) nearer, we _____ (see) her more.
3. What _____ you _____ (do) if you _____ (lose) your job?
4. If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (not / sign) that contract.
5. We _____ (travel) more if we _____ (not / have) a dog.
6. If he _____ (speak) English, he _____ (get) a better job.
7. I _____ (buy) that house if it _____ (be) cheaper.
8. If they _____ (know) the answer, they _____ (tell) us.
9. If you _____ (can) live anywhere, where _____ you _____ (live)?
10. She _____ (be) happier if she _____ (work) less.

2. Choose

First or second conditional? Circle the correct option.

1. If I (win / won) the lottery, I'd buy an island.
2. If it (rains / rained) tomorrow, we'll cancel the trip.
3. If I were you, I (will / would) apologise.
4. If she (calls / called) tonight, I'll tell her.
5. If I (am / were) taller, I'd play basketball.
6. What would you do if you (see / saw) a snake?
7. If we (leave / left) now, we'll catch the bus.
8. If he (had / would have) more money, he'd travel.

3. Correct the mistakes

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. If I would have money, I would buy a boat.

2. If I was you, I'd go to the doctor. (formal)

3. I will travel the world if I won the lottery.

4. If she knows the truth, she would be angry. (imagined)

5. What you would do if you were president?

6. If I had wings, I fly.

Writing

Answer the question 'What would you do if you didn't have to work for a year?' in 6–7 sentences using the second conditional.

Speaking

- If you could have any job in the world, what would it be?
- What would you do if you found a wallet with 500 dollars in the street?
- If you could change one thing about your city, what would you change?
- Give advice with 'If I were you, I'd...': a friend hates their job, a friend can't sleep.

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 had … 'd drive · 2 lived … 'd see · 3 would … do … lost · 4 were … wouldn't sign · 5 'd travel … didn't have · 6 spoke … could / would get · 7 'd buy … were / was · 8 knew … 'd tell · 9 could … would … live · 10 'd be … worked

2. Choose: 1 won · 2 rains · 3 would · 4 calls · 5 were · 6 saw · 7 leave · 8 had

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 If I had money, I would buy a boat. · 2 If I were you, I'd go to the doctor. · 3 I would travel the world if I won the lottery. · 4 If she knew the truth, she would be angry. · 5 What would you do if you were president? · 6 If I had wings, I would fly.

Writing, model answer: If I didn't have to work for a year, I would travel slowly around South America. I would learn Portuguese if I spent a few months in Brazil. If I had more time, I would also learn to surf. I wouldn't stay in hotels; I would rent small flats. If I missed my family, I would invite them to visit me. It would be the best year of my life.