

What is Second Conditional for Hypothetical Situations?

Worksheet

Second conditional uses 'if + past simple, would + base verb'. It expresses imaginary situations that are unlikely or impossible in reality.

Questions

1. If I __ a superhero, I would fight crime.
A) am
B) will be
C) were
D) would be
2. Which is second conditional?
A) If you study, you will pass.
B) If you studied, you would pass.
C) If you study, you pass.
D) If you will study, you pass.
3. Second conditional expresses...
A) Real future possibilities
B) Universal truths
C) Imaginary or unlikely situations
D) Past events
4. If she __ a billionaire, she __ donate to charity.
A) is, will
B) was, would
C) were, would
D) would be, will
5. If I won the lottery, I would travel the world.
6. If you were the president, what would you do?
7. If she had more time, she would learn French.
8. Define: What is second conditional used for?
9. Define: Second conditional structure?
10. Define: Special rule: 'if I were' or 'if I was'?

Answer Key

1. C) were — Second conditional: 'If I were a superhero, I would fight crime.' (past simple + would).
2. B) If you studied, you would pass. — Second conditional: 'If you studied, you would pass.' (past simple + would).
3. C) Imaginary or unlikely situations — Second conditional describes imaginary scenarios contrary to present reality.
4. C) were, would — Second conditional: 'If she were a billionaire, she would donate to charity.'
5. Condition: If + past simple (I won) Result: Would + base verb (would travel) Structure: If I won the lottery, I would travel the world. Context: This is unlikely to happen (imaginary).
6. Condition: If + past simple (you were) Result: Would + base verb (would do) Structure: If you were the president, what would you do? Context: Hypothetical situation (not true now).
7. Condition: If + past simple (she had) Result: Would + base verb (would learn) Structure: If she had more time, she would learn French. Context: She doesn't have time now (imaginary situation).
8. Imaginary, hypothetical, or unlikely situations. Example: 'If I were a bird, I would fly to the moon.'
9. If + past simple, would + base verb. Example: 'If I were rich, I would buy a house.'
10. 'If I were' is formal/correct (subjunctive). 'If I was' is informal but widely used.

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