



Unit 10: Unreal conditional

We use **if + past tense + would** to talk about things that are not real or not probable now.

if + past tense	would + infinitive (without to)
If I <u>had</u> a million dollars,	I <u>would build</u> a big swimming pool.
If you <u>were</u> the Prime Minister,	what <u>would</u> you <u>do</u> ?
If animals <u>could</u> talk,	they <u>would tell</u> us a lot of interesting stories.
If he <u>didn't study</u> so hard,	he <u>wouldn't get</u> good grades.

Exercise 1 : choose the correct alternative

- Jane would help you if you **approach /approached** her.
- If Bob **has / had** a lot of money, he would travel around the world.
- John **passed/ would pass** the test if he had more careful.
- Unless Mary talked to him, Jim **does not / did not** listen.
5. If I **am / was** the boss, I would sack the rude waiter.
- If I **am / were** you, I would accept the position.
- I would never take a job if the salary **is / was** too low.
- If you prepared your presentation, you **will have / would have** more confident

Rita Brown's office is very big. If (9) I **am / were** friendlier with her, I would ask to use it. You know her, don't you? Why don't you ask her? If I (10) **am /were** her, I would offer her a free lunch or something for doing it.



Exercise 2 : Complete each sentence with the correct forms of the verbs.

1. I **(buy)**.....a car, if I **(have)**.....enough money.
2. If I **(ask)**.....you to marry me, what.....you..... **(say)**?
3. Alex **(finish)**.....his work on time if he **(not talk)**.....too much.
4. If the programs **(be)**....., I **(watch)**.....more TV.
5. Thailand **(be)**.....a nice country if it **(not rain)**.....too much.
6. I **(like)**.....Carla better if she **(not talk)**.....about Herself all the time.
7. If your boss **(ask)**.....you to work on Sunday,.....youit?
8. If you **(can)**.....read people's thought, what.....you?
9. If Ann and Bill **(be)**.....here, they **(know)**..... What to do.
10. If people **(have)**.....four arms, life **(be)**.....easier.

Exercise 3 What would you do if.....?

1. What would you do if a stranger asked you where you live?
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2. What would you do if you had to talk in front of a thousand people?
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3. What would you do if you saw a thief stealing a wallet?
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4. What would you do if there was a fly in your soup?
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