



Conditional

Glossary:

WHAT WOULD YOU DO		first
if		To put one's life at risk
To win/won/won		following
To buy		tricky
maybe		(a pair of) trousers
To travel the world		ripped
To save up		behind
Afterwards=after		(right) in the middle
A worldtrip		To put/put/put
A fight		A sweater
To start=to begin		Around one's waist
In front of		To tie
To fight/fought/fought		If I could
To interfere		A tracksuit
strong		A pimple=a spot
dangerous		All over the face
children		awful
teenagers		Obvious
To try (to)		An ointment
To defuse the situation		foundation
'in any case'		makeup
To be right		To check
safety		



Grammar:

the second conditional **If +preterit, would (not)**

We use the second conditional when it is little possible that a situation will happen in the future.

1/We use 2 clauses to build the conditional:

one is the condition introduced by **if** followed by the subject and the verb at the preterit,

the other is the result which contains '**Would**' or '**would not**'

(the short form is 'd or 'd not/ wouldn't')

The pattern of the second conditional is: **If +preterit, would (not)**

Example: If it rained, We would stay at home.

If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.

If she told you, you wouldn't be surprised! (If she told you but she didn't...)

2/ The two clauses can be inverted:

Example: If this monster was real, you would be scared

You would be scared if this monster was real

3/ WERE

In English, when we know or we think a condition is impossible, we will use 'WERE'.

The phrase to give advice is an example of the case:

Example: If I were you (because I cannot be you!), I would call my family more often.

If she were alive(= she is not alive), she would not smoke.

4/ Could

Could has two different values in English.

a) **Could is the conditional form of CAN. We use it to ask questions politely.** Example: I need to repair the window.

Could you help me?

b) **Could is the preterit form of CAN.**

Example: If I could, I would help you!



Dialogue:

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

- Wentworth: Sarah, what would you do if you won 1,000,000.00 euro?
- Sarah: If I won 1,000,000.00 euro, I'd buy a house probably. .. Or maybe I would travel the world and save the money afterwards.
- Wentworth: You mean after your world trip?
- Sarah: Yes, that's what I mean.
- Wentworth: Next question: what would you do if a fight started in front of you?
- Sarah: If two men fought in front of me, I wouldn't interfere. If they were strong, it would be dangerous. But if they were children or teenagers, I would talk to them and try to calm things down. In any case, I would call the police.
- Wentworth: Good. I think Sarah's right. Think of your safety first. Don't put your life at risk! Now, the following question is tricky. If your trousers ripped behind, right in the middle, what would you do?
- Sarah: If my trousers ripped, I would put a sweater around my waist and tie it. If I could, I would ask my best friend for her sweater or tracksuit.
- Wentworth: What if you had pimples all over the face, what would you do?
- Sarah: Pimples from...
- Wentworth: If you had an allergy, and the reactions were awful, what would you do?
- Sarah: If they were obvious, I would go to the doctor. I would put an ointment. If I had to work, I would put foundation! That's what makeup is for. I would hide if it was really bad.
- Wentworth: Last question: if you went on a plane and it crashed on a desert island, what would you do? If you were the only survivor, what would you do?
- Sarah: I would check my phone to see if I have battery! If I had no signal, I would stay by the seaside and eat plants and fruit. I would try to stay alive until people come rescue me.
- Wentworth: Very good! Now, who wants to answer those funny and interesting questions... What would you do...Please tell me what you would do if I told you the class is over for today? You would pack in an instant! What a surprise!!! Everyone, I wish you all a very productive and inspiring week. Bye!
- Sarah: Good bye! Have a nice day!