



1 Tick (✓) the correct boxes.

- Has Mo ever met a monster?  
Yes  No
- Mo is talking about ...  
the past.  the future.



## GRAMMAR

## A

You can use second conditional sentences to talk about the future. They have two halves. Look:

if half	would/wouldn't half
<i>If I went to the moon,</i> = I go to the moon.	<i>I'd build a house there.</i> → I build a house.
<i>If I found a dinosaur,</i> = I find a dinosaur.	<i>I wouldn't be scared.</i> → I'm not scared.

2 Circle the **if** half and underline the **would/wouldn't** half in each sentence.

► If Mo met a ghost, he'd speak to him.

- 1 If Milly became an actress, she'd be very famous.
- 2 If Snapper left Mo's family, Mo would be upset.
- 3 If I saw a shark, I wouldn't be frightened.
- 4 If it snowed next summer, I'd be very surprised.

**B**

The **if** half of second conditionals is to imagine things that might happen in the future. You don't think that these things will happen. Use the past simple.

*If I saw a ghost, ...*

= I'm imagining a time in the future when I might see a ghost.

I don't think that I'll ever see a ghost.

*If I found a dinosaur, ...*

= I'm imagining a time in the future when I might find a dinosaur.

I don't think that I'll ever find a dinosaur.

**3 Read the sentences. Answer the questions.**

► If Mo became the President, he'd be very happy.

Do you think Mo will be the President one day?

Yes  No

1 If Milly found some treasure, she'd hide it.

Do you think Milly will find some treasure?

Yes  No

2 If Snapper saw a dinosaur, he wouldn't be scared.

Do you think Snapper will see a dinosaur?

Yes  No



**C**

The **would/wouldn't** half of second conditionals is to say what you'll do in the future if the **if** half of the sentence happens.

*If I saw a ghost, I'd speak to him.*

(*I'd speak to him.* = If in the future I see a ghost, I'll speak to him.)

*If I became a millionaire, I'd give all my money away.*

(*I'd give all my money away.* = If in the future I'm a millionaire, I'll give my money away.)

**4 Finish the sentences. Use would or wouldn't.**

- ▶ If Mo went to the Sahara desert, he 'd..... take a lot of sun cream.
- 1 If Snapper lost Mo's favourite comics, Mo ..... be very happy.
- 2 If Mo ate a hundred sweets, he ..... feel ill.
- 3 If they met a film star, they ..... ask for a signed photograph.
- 4 If we bought a car, we ..... have to walk to the shops.

**D**

Usually in second conditional sentences the **if** half comes first, but you can put it second. It means the same thing. Look:

*I'd buy a new bicycle if I found a lot of money.*

= If I found a lot of money, I'd buy a new bicycle.

*Mo would feel ill if he ate a hundred sweets.*

= If Mo ate a hundred sweets, he'd feel ill.

Put a comma (,) in the middle of the sentence when the **if** half comes first. You *don't* need a comma when it comes second.

**5 Rewrite these sentences. Put the if half of the sentence second.**

- ▶ If it rained in the Sahara desert, I'd be surprised.

*I'd be surprised if it rained in the Sahara desert.*.....

- 1 If I became a film star, I wouldn't go to school.  
.....
- 2 If I never went to school again, I wouldn't pass any exams.  
.....
- 3 If you gave me all your pocket money, I'd buy lots of comics.  
.....
- 4 If I talked for three days, I'd be very tired.  
.....



# PRACTICE

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**a** What would you do if these things happened to you? Finish the sentences.

▶ If I lived to be a hundred and ten, *I'd have a big birthday party.* .....

1 If I went to New York, .....

2 If I found a rare animal, .....

3 If I forgot to do my homework, .....

4 If I saw a bank robber, .....

5 If I met somebody famous, .....

6 If I found a dinosaur's egg, .....

7 If I forgot my best friend's birthday, .....

8 If I won a lot of money, .....

9 If I lost my friend's favourite book, .....

10 If I became President, .....

**b** Now write the sentences again. This time, imagine what your best friend **wouldn't** do if these things happened.

▶ *If Adam lived to be a hundred and ten, he wouldn't have a party.* .....

1 .....

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

7 .....

8 .....

9 .....

10 .....

**7 Write sentences. Use the past simple in the if half and would or wouldn't in the other half. Don't forget the comma!**

▶ see a crocodile → run away

*If I saw a crocodile, I'd run away.* .....

▶ drink five milkshakes → not feel very well

*If I drank five milkshakes, I wouldn't feel very well.* .....

1 go to England → not eat fish and chips

2 stay awake for a week → be ill

3 find a tiger's footprint → not be frightened

4 win a holiday → give it to my parents

5 see a UFO → not tell anybody

6 write a good story → read it to my friends

7 meet a ghost → not say hello

8 become a pop star → earn lots of money

9 move to America → go to an American school

10 fail all my exams → not go to university

8

a Work with a partner. What would you do if you became famous pop stars? Write five sentences.

- ▶ *If we became pop stars, we'd move to Los Angeles.*
- We'd buy a big house by the sea.*
- We'd invite all our friends to stay.*
- We'd have barbecues on the beach.*
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....
- .....

b Now swap books with two friends. Take turns to read their sentences to the class.

- ▶ Pupil A *They'd eat in restaurants every day.*  
*They'd buy a sports car.*  
*They'd have lots of fans.*

9 Ask your teacher if you can play this chain game. Take turns to say a sentence each. Play the game like this:

- ▶ Pupil A *If I passed all my exams, I'd go to university.*
- Pupil B *If I went to university, I'd become an astronomer.*
- Pupil C *If I became an astronomer, I'd discover a new planet.*
- Pupil D *If I discovered a new planet, I'd go there.*
- Pupil E *If I went there, I'd find strange people.*
- Pupil F *If I found strange people, I'd invite them back to Earth.*

Here are some ideas. You choose the ones you want to use, or invent some of your own.

- If I became the President tomorrow, ...
- If it rained for three months, ...
- If I caught a shark, ...
- If I moved to Mars, ...
- If I turned into a dog next week, ...
- If aliens arrived in my bedroom one night, ...