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Stage 7 Lesson 464

Probably so

2nd conditional : if + past + would

We use the second conditional when we imagine an action in the present or future but we think it will probably not happen.

Ex. We would buy the house if we had money.

(=we don't have the money so we won't buy the house.)

If I saw Anna tomorrow, I would tell her the story.

(=I think I won't probably see Anna, so I won't tell her the story.)

When do we use the 2nd conditional?

We use the second conditional when we imagine an action in the present or future but we think it will probably not happen.

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What is the construction of the second conditional?

The construction of the second conditional is:
if + past + would.

What does 'if I saw Anna' mean in your language?

'If I saw Anna' means _____ in our language .

Do you need a train ticket?

No, I don't need a train ticket.

Where would you go if you needed a train ticket?

If I needed a train ticket, I would go to the ticket office at the station.

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Do you have a million yen?

No, I don't have a million yen.

Would you buy a big house if you had a million yen?

Yes, I would buy a big house if I had a million yen.

Will you probably see a fire in the classroom?

No, I won't probably see a fire in the classroom.

What would you do if you saw a fire in the classroom?

If I saw a fire in the classroom, I would get some water.

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In the 2nd conditional we usually use **were** for all persons;

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| <i>If I were (or was)</i> | <i>if we were</i> |
| <i>If you were</i> | <i>if you were</i> |
| <i>if he/she were</i> | <i>if they were</i> |

Are you an animal?

No, I'm not an animal.

If you were an animal, which animal would you be?

If I were an animal, I would be a bird.

Do you think she/he will be ill next lesson?

No, I don't think she/he will be ill next lesson.

Would she/he come next lesson if she/he were ill?

No, she/he wouldn't come to the next lesson if she/he were ill.

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Listening and spelling check

It's not a fact* it's an opinion.* When did it happen?* No one has read the book* because it is too thick.* He has given them* some cake and some coffee.* The fat man* has eaten the cake.* The thin man* has drunk the coffee.* Fatty food is unhealthy.* I have had this car* for seven years.* Everybody has been there* since Monday.* Do you push the door* to go out?* No, we have to pull it.* We tried hard* but it was impossible* to push so hard.*