## If I had . . . If we went . . . , etc.

Dan likes fast cars, but he doesn't have one. He doesn't have enough money.

If he had the money, he would buy a fast car.

Usually had is past, but in this sentence had is not past. If he had the money = if he had the money now (but he doesn't have it).



If	I you	had/knew/lived/went (etc.), didn't have / didn't know (etc.),	I you	would(n't)	buy be
	it	were,	it	could(n't)	have
	they, etc.	could,	they, etc.		go , etc.

You can say:

If he had the money, he would buy a car. He would buy a car if he had the money.

I'd / she'd / they'd, etc. = I would / she would / they would, etc.:

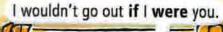
- I don't know the answer. If I knew the answer, I'd tell you.
- It's raining, so we're not going out. We'd get wet if we went out.
- Jane lives in a city. She likes cities. She wouldn't be happy if she lived in the country.
- If you didn't have a job, what would you do? (but you have a job)
- I'm sorry I can't help you. I'd help you if I could. (but I can't)
- If we had a car, we could travel more. (but we don't have a car, so we can't travel much)

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If (I) was/were ...

You can say if I/he/she/it was or if I/he/she/it were:

- It's not a very nice place. I wouldn't go there if I were you. (or . . . if I was you)
- It would be nice if the weather was better. (or . . . if the weather were better)
- What would Tom do if he were here? (or ... if he was here)



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Compare:

if I have / if it is, etc.

- I want to go and see Helen. If I have time, I will go today. (= maybe I'll have time, so maybe I'll go)
- I like that jacket. I'll buy it if it isn't too expensive. (= maybe it will not be too expensive)
- I'll help you if I can. (= maybe I can help)

if I had / if it was, etc.

- I want to go and see Helen. If I had time, I would go today. (= I don't have time today, so I will not go)
- I like that jacket, but it's very expensive. I'd buy it if it wasn't so expensive. (= it is expensive, so I'm not going to buy it)
- I'd help you if I could, but I can't.

## **Exercises**

## 101.1 Complete the sentences.

1.	I don't know the answer. If I knew the answer, I'd tell you.				
	I have a car. I couldn't travel very much if I didn't have a car.				
	I don't want to go out. If I to go out, I'd go.				
	We don't have a key. If we a key, we could get into the house.				
	I'm not hungry. I would have something to eat if I hungry.				
	Sue enjoys her work. She wouldn't do it if she it.				
	He can't speak any foreign languages. If he speak a foreign				
	language, maybe he would get a better job.				
Q	You don't try hard enough. If you harder, you would have more				
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Q	I have a lot to do today. If I so much to do, we could go out.				
101.2 Pt	at the verb in the correct form.				
	If he had the money, he would buy a fast car. (he / have)				
2.	Jane likes living in a city. She wouldn't be happy if she lived in the country.				
	(she / not / be)				
3.	If I wanted to learn Italian, to Italy. (I / go)				
	I haven't told Helen what happened. She'd be angry if				
	She   Not   be				
5.	If a map, I could show you where I live. (we / have)				
6.	What would you do if a lot of money? (you / win)				
7.	It's not a very good hotel there if I were you. (I / not / stay)				
8	If closer to Miami, we would go there more often. (we / live)				
9	I'm sorry you have to go now nice if you had more time. (it / be)				
10	I'm sorry you have to go now nice if you had more time. (it / be) I'm not going to take the job. I'd take it if better. (the salary / be)				
11.	I don't know anything about cars. If my car broke down, what to				
	de (I / not / know)				
12	If you could change one thing in the world, what?				
12.					
	(you / change)				
101.3 C	omplete the sentences. Use the following (with the verb in the correct form):				
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VIVI	We (buy) a bigger include				
, ,	we (have) some pictures on the wall the air (be) cleaner				
1.	I'd buy that jacket if <u>it was a little cheaper</u> .				
	If there was a good movie on TV tonight,				
	This room would be nicer if				
	If there wasn't so much traffic,				
	Life would be boring if				
	. If I had nothing to do,				
0.	. We could invite all our friends to stay if				
0	. If we had more money,				
8	If we had more money,				
101.4 C	omplete the sentences. Use your own ideas.				
	. I'd be happier if 1 had less work				
2	. If I could go anywhere in the world,				
	. I wouldn't be very happy if				
4	. I'd buy if				
	. If I saw an accident in the street,				
	. The world would be a better place if				
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