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Grammar

Imaginary situations

I can talk about imaginary situations and things I would like to change.



Imagine you are extremely rich.

1. Where do you live?
2. Do you work?
3. Who are your friends?





What is stately home?



A large, old house that usually has beautiful furniture, decorations, and gardens.

- 1 **SPEAKING** Read the fact file about Castle Howard, a stately home in the north of England. Would you like to live in a house like this? Why? / Why not?



- ❁ Built around 1700, it has 145 rooms.
- ❁ It is the private home of the Howard family, who have lived there for over 300 years.
- ❁ It has been open to the public since 1952.

I would like ...

- to allow people to visit
- to get bored
- to invite hundred people
- to build great bowling alley

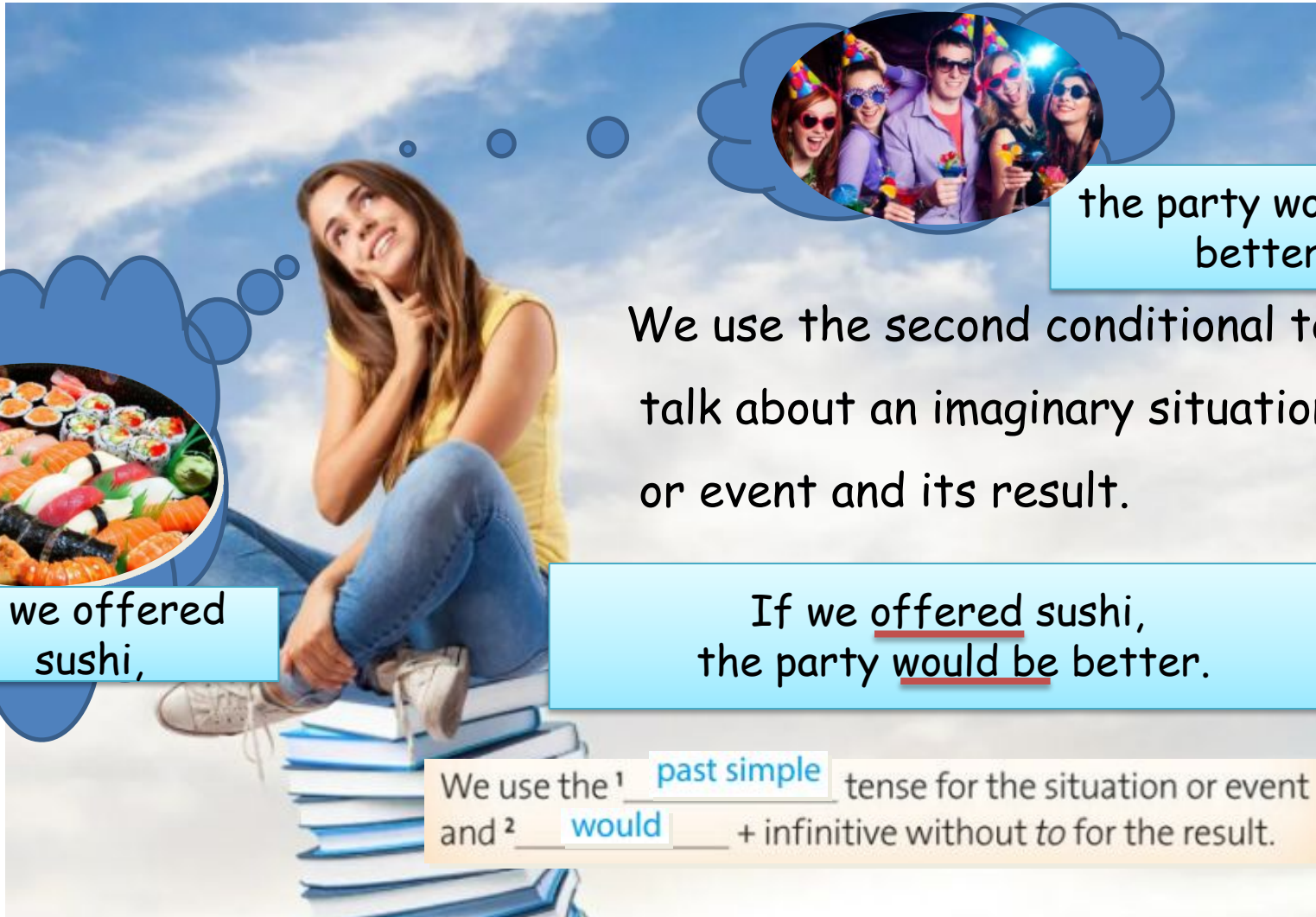


2.09 Read and listen to the dialogue. What two outdoor and indoor changes do the speakers mention?



- Alfie** This is an amazing place. I wish I lived here.
- Macy** Me too. If only I were a member of the Howard family!
- Alfie** But if it were my house, I wouldn't allow people to visit.
- Macy** That's mean! You'd get bored on your own.
- Alfie** Oh, I'd let my friends visit, of course. But not the public.
- Macy** If you had a party, you could invite hundreds of people!
- Alfie** I know. The parties would be better if I made a few changes, though.
- Macy** What kind of changes?
- Alfie** Well, if those trees weren't there, there'd be room for a swimming pool!
- Macy** You could make some changes inside as well. I mean, look at this corridor.
- Alfie** The Antique Passage, you mean?
- Macy** Yes. If you took away all the statues, you could build a great bowling alley there!





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We use the second conditional to
talk about an imaginary situation
or event and its result.

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We use the ¹ past simple tense for the situation or event
and ² would + infinitive without *to* for the result.

Underline all the examples of the second conditional in the dialogue

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Complete these second conditional sentences using the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If I lived (live) in a mansion, I would have (have) parties every week.
- 2 If you visited (visit) me, you would sleep (sleep) in a huge bedroom.
- 3 We could (can) go on long bike rides if the weather was (be) good.
- 4 If the weather wasn't (not be) good, we would watch (watch) movies in the Great Hall.
- 5 If we played (play) hide-and-seek, we wouldn't find (not find) each other for hours.

I would have parties every week.



If I lived in a mansion,



4.3 I wish ... , If only ...

We use *I wish ...* or *If only ...* with the past simple to say that we want a situation to be different from how it really is.

I live in a village. I wish I lived in a big city.

Notice that you can use *were* instead of *was* after *I wish ...* or *If only ...*.

It's Monday today, but I wish it were Saturday.

We use *I wish ...* or *If only ...* with *would* + the infinitive without *to* to say that we want somebody (or something) to behave differently.

I wish she wouldn't shout.

If only the phone would stop ringing.

Сожаление о настоящем



Маловероятное желание
изменить что-то в будущем +
критика



Explain the difference in meaning between these two sentences.

a I wish my penfriend spoke English.

My penfriend cannot speak English



b I wish my penfriend would speak English.

My penfriend can speak English but won't.



Read the **Look out!** box. Then complete the first line of each mini-dialogue with the verbs in brackets. Use the past simple or *would / could* + infinitive without *to*. Complete the other lines with the second conditional.



A I wish my dad ¹ would come (come) home.

B Why?

A Because he ² would give (give) us a lift into town if he
³ was / were (be) here.



A If only you ⁴ lived (live) near the town centre.

B Why?

A Because if your house ⁵ was / were (be) near the centre,
we ⁶ would get (get) the same bus to school.



A I wish my parents' friends ⁷ would leave (leave).

B Why?

A Because if they ⁸ weren't (not be) in the house, we
⁹ could (can) turn the music up to full volume!

SPEAKING In pairs, talk about what you would do if you:

- 1 owned Castle Howard.
- 2 had a swimming pool in your garden.
- 3 gave a party for hundreds of people.
- 4 had to allow the public into your home.

If I owned Castle Howard, I would ...

If I had a swimming pool in my garden, I would ...

If I gave a party for hundreds of people, I would ...

If I had to allow public into my home, I would ...



Complete the second conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs below.

not believe do get give make not spend work

Your exam results would be much better if you

worked

_ a bit harder.



not believe do get give make not spend work

If you moved to a new city, you _____
friends really quickly.

would make



Homelessness wouldn't be such a big problem if the
government _____ more to help.

did



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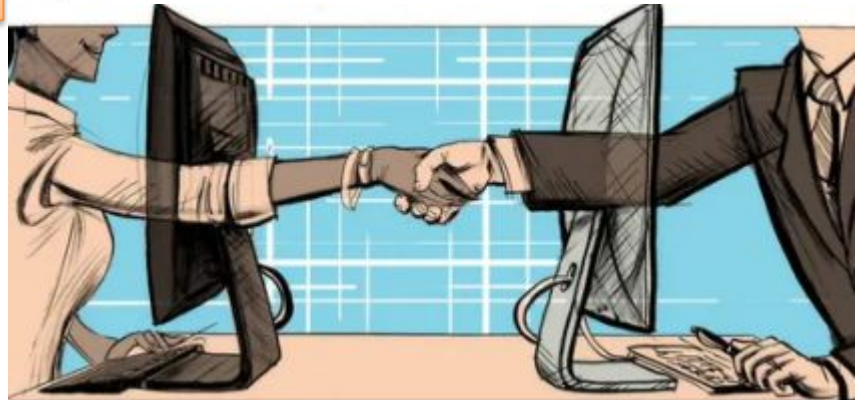


I'd finish the housework a lot faster if you
me a hand with it!

gave

Would she remember me if I _____
after so many years?

got



not believe do get give make not spend work

You'd have more time for schoolwork if you

didn't spend

— so long playing computer games.



If I told you the truth, you

wouldn't believe

me.



Complete the dialogue with the past simple and **would + base form**.

Tim I think we're lost. If this ¹ **was** (be) the right path, we ² **would be** (be) there by now.

Paul So which path should we be on?

Tim If I ³ **knew** (know) that, we ⁴ **wouldn't be** (not be) lost!

Paul If you ⁵ **had** (have) your phone with you, we ⁶ **would be able to** be able to) look at a map.

Tim We decided not to bring our phones, remember?
A weekend without technology ...

Paul I know. I ⁷ **wouldn't be** (not be) so worried if we ⁸ **weren't** (not be) so far from home.
Next time, we should bring our phones, but only use them in an emergency.

Tim If you ⁹ **brought** (bring) your phone with you, you ¹⁰ **would use** (use) it all the time.
You're addicted!



Rewrite the sentences. Use the second conditional.

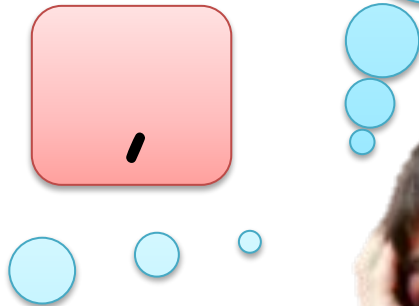
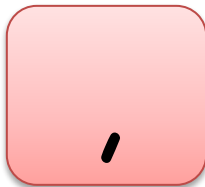
1 Our house doesn't have a big garden, so we have to play football in the park.

If our house had a big garden, we wouldn't have to play football in the park.

2 I don't live in a detached house, so I can't play my music really loud.

_____ If I lived in a detached house,
_____ I could play my music really loud. _____

If



3 We don't have a nine-bedroom mansion, so we don't invite lots of friends and family to stay.

- If we had a nine-bedroom mansion, we would invite lots of friends and family to stay.



If

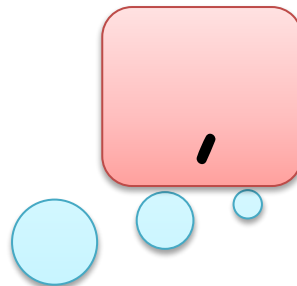


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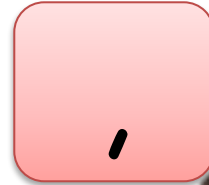
4 Our flat is small, so my parents don't allow me to have a pet.

— If our flat wasn't so small,
— my parents would allow me to have a pet.



5 I don't close my bedroom shutters at night, so I wake up early in the morning.

— If I closed my bedroom shutters at night, _____
— I wouldn't wake up early in the morning. _____

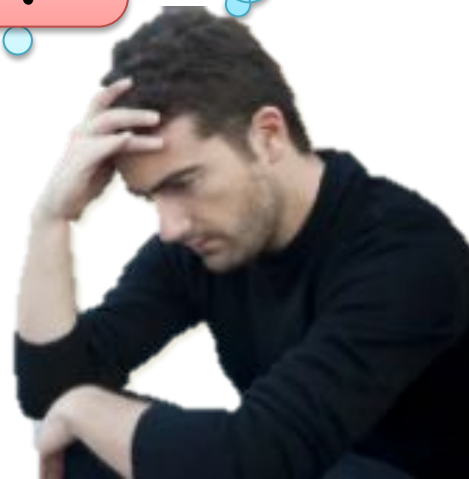
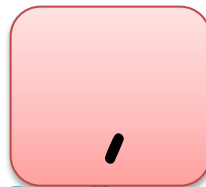


If



6 They haven't got a fence. Their dog keeps running away.

- If they had a fence,
- their dog wouldn't keep running away.



7 They aren't interested in gardening. Their flower beds are a mess.

- If they were interested in gardening,
- their flowerbeds wouldn't be a mess.

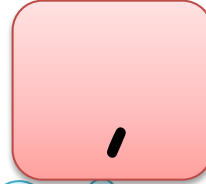
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8 I share a bedroom with my brother. I can't watch TV at night.

- If I didn't share a bedroom with my brother,
- I could watch TV at night.



9 Our house is near an airport. It's noisy in the garden.

— If our house wasn't near an airport,
— it wouldn't be noisy in the garden.

If



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Complete the sentences with the past simple or *would* + base form, depending on the meaning.



1 Our neighbours have still got my badminton net. I wish they **would give** (give) it back!



2 I can't work with the TV so loud. I wish you **would turn** (turn) it down!



3 I love that new phone, but it's really expensive. If only it **were** (be) cheaper!



4 Unfortunately, I don't see my cousins very often. I wish they **lived** (live) closer.



5 I want to go to bed, but our guests are still here. If only they **would live** (leave)!



6 I wish it **were** (be) Friday today.



7 I really want to go skiing tomorrow. If only it **would snow** (snow) tonight!



Past Simple



would + inf