

# TALKING ABOUT DREAMS & REGRETS

## *Level 2*

Talking about dreams & regrets  
Focusing on 2nd/3rd conditionals

# Dreams and Regrets

1. What things would you like to **achieve in your life**?
  - a. **Places to see: visit the Great wall of China**
  - b. **Things to do: learn how to fly a plane**
  - c. **Experience to have: watch a sunset in Hawaii**
2. Is there anything you **haven't achieved** yet and most likely **never will**? (a/b/c)



## 2nd Conditional structure

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

**If + simple past, would + infinitive**

I would buy a new house if I won the lottery.

**Would + inf if + simple past**

We use the comma (,) when we start with the IF CLAUSE

## 2nd Conditional Usage

**Hypothetical situations or highly unlikely situations in the present or the future**

**What would you do if you saw a bear?**

# 2nd Conditional Pronunciation

- **I'd buy a house**
- **We'd go on holiday**
- **She'd travel around the world**
- **They'd give it all away**



## 2nd Conditional different modals

**If we won the lottery we**

- **could buy a house**
- **should really spend it on education**
- **might go a trip around the world**

# 2nd Conditional Continuous tense

## If clause

- If the sun **were shining**, I **would go** to the park.
- If + **past continuous**, **would + inf**

## Would clause

- If I **were** in Hawaii right now, I **would be lying** on the beach.
- If + **simple past**, **would + be + ing**

## Both clauses

- If I **were working** right now, I **would be having** a meeting with my clients.
- If + **past continuous**, **would + be + ing**
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## 2nd Conditional Speaking

1. If you could have any job, what job would you like to have?
2. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would you change?
3. If you woke up suddenly because your house was on fire, what item would you save first?
4. What would you do if you were the leader of your country?
5. If you could give yourself one skill, what skill would it be?
6. If you could meet anyone, dead or alive, who would you choose to meet?

## 3rd Conditional structure

If I **had gone** to bed on time, I **would have passed** my test.

**If + past perfect, would + have + past participle**

I **would have taken** a photo if I **had brought** my camera.

**Would + have + past participle if + past perfect**

We use the **comma (,)** when we **start with the IF CLAUSE**

# 3rd Conditional Usage

**Hypothetical situations or regrets in the past**

**What would you have done if you hadn't gone to university?**



## 3rd Conditional Pronunciation

- **I'd studied = I had studied**
- **I'd have taken = I would have taken**

## 3rd Conditional different modals

If I **had gone** to bed on time,

- **Could** have passed my exam
- **Should** have passed my exam
- **Might** have passed my exam

# 3rd Conditional Continuous tense

## If clause

- If I hadn't been sleeping in, I **would have arrived** on time.
- If + past perfect continuous, **would + have + past participle**

## Would clause

- If the coronavirus **hadn't happened**, I would have been lying on a beach in Hawaii.
- If + past perfect, would + have + been + ing

## Both clauses

- If It hadn't been raining, I would have been sitting in the garden
- If + past perfect continuous, would + have + been + ing

# 3rd Conditional Speaking

1. What would have been different about your life if you had grown up in another country?
2. If you have a partner how did you meet? How could things have happened differently?
3. Think of an important exam you passed or failed in the past, how could things have happened differently?
4. What would you have done last week if you'd had more time? Why?
5. What would you have done last year if you'd had more money? Why?
6. Think of a time when someone helped you with something, what would you have done without their help?



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