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Conditionals with Georgie
Second conditional

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Language quiz
Choose the correct answer using information from the webpage and video.

1. Which of the following is a second conditional sentence?
   a. When I win money, I usually take my friends out for a meal.
   b. If I win the money, I'll take my friends out for a meal.
   c. If I won the lottery, I'd take my friends out for a meal.

2. What is the structure used to make a second conditional?
   a. If + present simple, will + base verb
   b. If + present simple, present simple
   c. If + past simple, would + base verb

3. What is the second conditional used to express?
   a. General truths
   b. Likely future situations
   c. Unlikely, hypothetical situations

Fill the gap
Complete the sentences by choosing the correct form of the verbs for a *second conditional*.

Example
If I _____ (study) all the time, I _____ (pass) all my exams.
Answer
If I **studied** all the time, I**'d pass** all my exams.

1. If I _____ (have) wings, I _____ (fly) over mountains.
2. If she _____ (speak) another language, she _____ (move) to another country.
3. If we _____ (have) more money, we _____ (buy) a car.

Writing
Now, write your own complete sentences.

1. What would you do if aliens visited your house?
   _____
   _____

2. What would you do if you were alone on a desert island?
   _____
   _____

3. Write some advice for this problem: All of my trousers have holes in them.
   E.g. *If I were you…*
   _____
   _____

ANSWERS
Language Quiz
1 c, 2 c, 3 c

Fill the gap
1. If I **had** wings, I **would fly** over mountains.
2. If she **spoke** another language, she **would move** to another country.
3. If we **had** more money, we **would buy** a car.

Writing example answers
1. If aliens visited my house, I'd try to communicate with them.
2. If I were alone on a desert island, I would try to learn how to fish.
3. If I were you, I'd try to mend the holes first before buying new ones.