

## LESSON 02 -- B1 TEENS

# If I Were Invisible for a Day

Imagining hypothetical situations and mastering the Second Conditional

B1 Intermediate | Grammar | Reading | 40 min

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## Lesson Objectives

- [ok] Read a text about imaginary superpowers and hypothetical scenarios
- [ok] Learn vocabulary for describing abilities, actions and consequences
- [ok] Form and use Second Conditional sentences (If + past simple, would + base verb)
- [ok] Distinguish between First Conditional (real) and Second Conditional (imaginary)
- [ok] Discuss creative hypothetical situations with a partner
- [ok] Write a paragraph about what you would do with a superpower

### 1 Before You Read

- > If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?
- > What would you do if nobody could see you for 24 hours?
- > Do you think being invisible would be fun, scary, or dangerous?

### 2 Reading: What Would You Do?

#### What Would You Do?

We asked 200 teenagers from around the world one simple question: "If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?" The answers were surprising, funny, and sometimes very thoughtful.

The most popular answer was "I would sneak into places I'm not allowed to go." About 35% of respondents said they would visit restricted areas -- backstage at concerts, the cockpit of a plane, or even their school's staff room. "If I were invisible, I would walk straight into a movie studio and watch them make a film," said Lena, 14, from Berlin.

Around 25% said they would use invisibility to help others. "If I had this power, I would follow bullies and expose them," said Marcus, 13, from London. "If nobody could see me, I would leave anonymous gifts for people who are struggling," added Priya, 15, from Mumbai.

Interestingly, only 8% said they would use it for selfish purposes like stealing. Most teenagers understood that being invisible wouldn't change who they are inside. "Even if nobody were watching, I wouldn't steal. It's still wrong," said Tomas, 16, from Buenos Aires.

Psychologist Dr. Sarah Kim says these answers reveal something important: "If young people had fewer rules, most would still choose to do the right thing. This tells us that morality isn't just about following rules -- it's about character."

So, what would you do if you were invisible? Your answer might say more about you than you think.

### 3 Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
<b>invisible</b>	unable to be seen	"She wished she were invisible."
<b>hypothetical</b>	imagined, not real	"It's a hypothetical question."
<b>sneak into</b>	to enter secretly	"They sneaked into the concert."
<b>restricted</b>	limited to certain people	"The area is restricted to staff."
<b>respondent</b>	person who answers a survey	"60% of respondents agreed."
<b>expose</b>	to reveal something bad	"The journalist exposed corruption."
<b>anonymous</b>	without giving your name	"An anonymous donation."
<b>struggling</b>	having difficulty	"Many families are struggling."
<b>selfish</b>	caring only about yourself	"It's selfish to take the last piece."
<b>purpose</b>	a reason for doing something	"What is the purpose of this?"
<b>morality</b>	beliefs about right and wrong	"Morality is more than just laws."
<b>character</b>	qualities that make a person	"True character shows when nobody watches."
<b>consequence</b>	result of an action	"Every action has consequences."

Word	Definition	Example
<b>backstage</b>	area behind the stage	"We went <i>backstage</i> to meet the singer."
<b>thoughtful</b>	showing careful thought	"Her answer was very <i>thoughtful</i> ."
<b>reveal</b>	to make something known	"The survey <i>revealed</i> interesting results."

Useful Collocations: sneak into a place • restricted area • expose the truth • anonymous gift • selfish purposes • face the consequences • reveal something about • do the right thing

## 4 Grammar: Second Conditional

### In the Text, You Saw...

If + past simple, would + base verb: "If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?"

If + past simple, would + base verb: "If I had this power, I would follow bullies and expose them."

Even if + past simple, wouldn't: "Even if nobody were watching, I wouldn't steal."

Part	Form	Example
If-clause	If + subject + past simple	If I had wings...
Main clause	subject + would/could/might + base verb	...I would fly to school.
Negative	wouldn't + base verb	I wouldn't tell anyone.
Question	What would you + base verb?	What would you do?

### First vs Second Conditional

1st Conditional = REAL / POSSIBLE: "If it rains tomorrow, I will stay home." (It might really rain.)

2nd Conditional = IMAGINARY / UNLIKELY: "If I were a bird, I would fly south." (I'm not a bird.)

### Why "were" and not "was"?

**Formal / Standard:** "If I were invisible..." / "If she were taller..."

**Informal (spoken):** "If I was invisible..." -- common in casual speech but "were" is preferred in writing and exams.

### Common Mistakes

~~If I would be invisible, I would go out.~~ --> If I were invisible, I would go out. (no "would" in the if-clause)

~~If I had wings, I will fly.~~ --> If I had wings, I would fly. (would, not will)

~~If I am a millionaire, I would travel.~~ --> If I were a millionaire, I would travel. (past simple in if-clause)

## 5 Match the Halves

#	If-clause	Main clause
1	If I found a wallet on the street,	I would take it to the police.
2	If she could travel anywhere,	she would go to Japan.
3	If we didn't have school tomorrow,	we would stay up all night.
4	If he were taller,	he would try out for the basketball team.
5	If I spoke perfect English,	I would work as a translator.
6	If animals could talk,	the world would be very different.
7	If you had a million euros,	what would you spend it on?
8	If I lived near the beach,	I would surf every morning.
9	If they banned social media,	most teenagers would be upset.
10	If I could read minds,	I wouldn't tell anyone.

## 6 Comprehension Quiz

**1. What was the most popular answer in the survey?**

Answer: Sneak into restricted places (35%)

**2. What percentage wanted to use invisibility to help others?**

Answer: 25%

**3. What did Tomas from Buenos Aires say?**

Answer: He wouldn't steal even if invisible

**4. According to Dr. Kim, what do the answers reveal?**

Answer: Most young people would still do the right thing

**5. Complete: "If I \_\_\_ invisible, I \_\_\_ go backstage."**

Answer: were / would

**6. Which sentence is Second Conditional?**

Answer: If I had wings, I would fly.

**7. Why do we use "were" instead of "was"?**

Answer: It's the standard form for imaginary situations

**8. Which is WRONG?**

Answer: If I would be rich, I would donate to charity.

## 7 Fill in the Blanks

**Word Bank:** were | would travel | had | would buy | could | would you do | wouldn't tell | would be

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ invisible, I would sneak into the cinema.
2. If she \_\_\_\_\_ more free time, she would learn to paint.
3. If we won the lottery, we \_\_\_\_\_ around the world.
4. What \_\_\_\_\_ if you found a secret door in your house?
5. If I \_\_\_\_\_ speak to animals, I would talk to dolphins.
6. If he had a million euros, he \_\_\_\_\_ a house for his parents.
7. If I discovered a secret about my friend, I \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.
8. Life \_\_\_\_\_ boring if everyone were the same.

Answers: 1. were | 2. had | 3. would travel | 4. would you do | 5. could | 6. would buy | 7. wouldn't tell | 8. would be

## 8 Speaking & Writing

### Discussion Questions

If you could be any animal for a day, which would you choose and why?

If you could live in any country, where would you go?

If you found out your best friend cheated on a test, what would you do?

If you could change one thing about your school, what would it be?

If you could meet anyone in history, who would you choose?

### Example Dialogue

A: If you were invisible for a day, what would you do?

B: If I were invisible, I would sneak into a zoo at night and see what the animals do.

A: That's cool! I would go somewhere different. If I had that power, I would visit NASA and watch a rocket launch up close.

B: Wouldn't you be scared? If something went wrong, nobody could help you.

A: True. But if I could choose any superpower, invisibility would still be my first choice.

### Writing Task

Write 80-120 words about ONE of these topics. Use at least 4 Second Conditional sentences:

Option A: If you could have any superpower for one week, which would you choose and what would you do with it?

Option B: If you could swap lives with anyone for a day, who would you choose and why?

## 9 Fix the Sentence -- The Game

This interactive game is available in the online version. Fix 10 incorrect Second Conditional sentences by choosing the correct version. Score 8/10 or higher to win!

#	Wrong Sentence	Correct Version
1	<del>If I would be a bird, I would fly south.</del>	If I were a bird, I would fly south.
2	<del>If she has a car, she would drive to work.</del>	If she had a car, she would drive to work.

#	Wrong Sentence	Correct Version
3	<del>If I win the lottery, I would buy a yacht.</del>	If I won the lottery, I would buy a yacht.
4	<del>If he were taller, he will play basketball.</del>	If he were taller, he would play basketball.
5	<del>What will you do if you was invisible?</del>	What would you do if you were invisible?
6	<del>If I can fly, I would go to the moon.</del>	If I could fly, I would go to the moon.
7	<del>If we don't have homework, we would play.</del>	If we didn't have homework, we would play.
8	<del>I would told everyone if I found treasure.</del>	I would tell everyone if I found treasure.
9	<del>If they would live near the sea, they'd surf.</del>	If they lived near the sea, they would surf.
10	<del>If I am you, I would study harder.</del>	If I were you, I would study harder.

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## Review Checklist

- [ok] I can understand a text about hypothetical situations
- [ok] I can use vocabulary for abilities, actions and consequences
- [ok] I can form Second Conditional sentences correctly
- [ok] I can tell the difference between First and Second Conditional
- [ok] I know when to use "were" instead of "was"
- [ok] I can discuss and write about imaginary scenarios

## Congratulations!

You have completed Lesson 2: If I Were Invisible for a Day