

# THE SECOND CONDITIONAL

We use the **second conditional** to:

☆ talk about hypothetical (**imaginary and improbable**) present and future situations

## STRUCTURE

If + S + past simple,  
S + would + infinitive

## EXAMPLES

☆ If I were you, I'd eat fewer cakes  
☆ I'd feel much better if I did more sport



**Anne:** I'm quite restless lately and I can't sleep.

**June:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (try) to relax.

**Anne:** I can't relax. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) better, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) fresher in the morning and I \_\_\_\_\_ (concentrate) better in the exams.

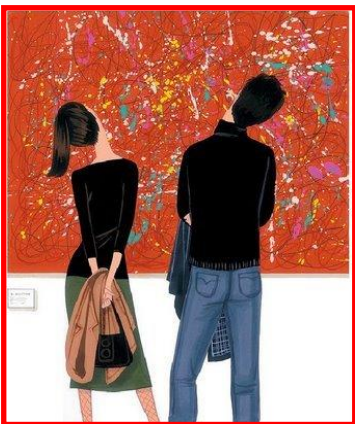
**June:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/eat) so little, you \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) much more active and you \_\_\_\_\_ (be able to) cope with all the work we have this term.

**Anne:** Anyway, if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have) more free time to study, I \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) my exams, but with the part-time job and all...

**June:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/work) so much. I \_\_\_\_\_ (also/feel) stressed if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) work until late every night.

**Anne:** What \_\_\_\_\_ (you/do) if you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in my place?

**June:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) going through a difficult period in my life, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to see a doctor, I \_\_\_\_\_ (rest) and I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/smoke) so much!



**Josh:** Hey, Billy, I'm going on a date with a girl I met in my art class last week. Any ideas?

**Billy:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) her to a museum.

**Josh:** That's a good idea, which one do you recommend?

**Billy:** Well, if I \_\_\_\_\_ (have to) choose, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the Tate Modern and I \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) the North wing, that's where the most interesting paintings are.

**Josh:** What if she gets bored?

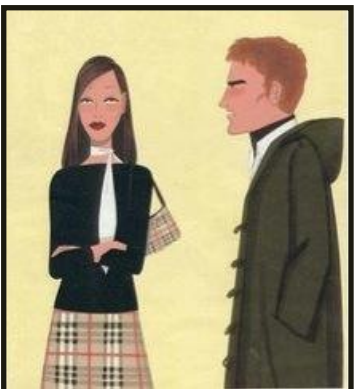
**Billy:** If she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) bored with Jackson Pollock's paintings, I \_\_\_\_\_ (suggest) her to visit Mark Rothko's room.

**Josh:** Maybe she doesn't like modern art.

**Billy:** If she \_\_\_\_\_ (not/like) modern art, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/date) her anymore!!!!

**Josh:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (take) art so seriously!

**Billy:** and if I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) you, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/date) so many girls!



**Derek:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ (be) more punctual, we \_\_\_\_\_ (not/arrive) late everywhere!

**Rebecca:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) work earlier, I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) ready before, but you know I always finish at eight o'clock.

**Derek:** Yes, but if you \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) your boss to let you leave half an hour before, we \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) our friends on time.

**Rebecca:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to meet your friends on time, you \_\_\_\_\_ (can/pick) me up from work, so I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) to take a bus home.

**Derek:** If I \_\_\_\_\_ (pick) you up from work, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not/have) time to change clothes.

**Rebecca:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ (love) me, you \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) about me!

**Derek:** If you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/act) like a child, you \_\_\_\_\_ (understand) me.

**Rebecca:** and if you \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) so selfish, you \_\_\_\_\_ (know) why I am angry at you now!

**Derek:** I give up! Let's go. They're waiting for us.