

## Untrue Conditionals (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**2<sup>ND</sup> Conditional: Present / Future Untrue:** talks about the present time, life today, right now, BUT imagining (or wishing) something that is NOT TRUE in the PRESENT or FUTURE.

In the *if*-clause, you use the **simple past tense** to show that the verb is unreal about the present. \*For the simple past of "be," only use "were."

The result clause uses **would** or **could** + the simple form

**3<sup>rd</sup> Conditional: Past Untrue:** a wished or imagined idea about a **past event**.

The verb in the *if*-clause is in the **past perfect** (*had* + **past participle**) to show the PAST UNTRUE.

The result clause uses **would have** or **could have** + the past participle.

*Directions: Complete the following sentences by using appropriate 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> conditional structure. Pay close attention to the meanings of the sentences.*

1. She doesn't speak English, so she doesn't understand you.  
If she \_\_\_\_\_ English, she \_\_\_\_\_ you.
2. He can't drive, so he won't buy a car.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ if he \_\_\_\_\_.
3. She didn't give me her phone number, so I wasn't able to call her.  
If she \_\_\_\_\_ her phone number, I \_\_\_\_\_  
able to call her.
4. He isn't rich, so he won't buy a beach house.  
If he \_\_\_\_\_ rich, he \_\_\_\_\_ a beach house.
5. He didn't have his wallet with him last night, so he didn't buy the book.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ the book if he \_\_\_\_\_ his  
wallet with him.
6. They didn't get to the airport in time, so they missed their flight.  
If they \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport in time, they \_\_\_\_\_ their  
flight.
7. He rarely eats, so he's very skinny.  
He \_\_\_\_\_ skinny if he \_\_\_\_\_ more.
8. He wasn't able to open the wine bottle, so they didn't drink wine. If he  
\_\_\_\_\_ able to open the wine bottle, they \_\_\_\_\_  
wine.
9. She couldn't find her book, so I lent her mine.  
If she \_\_\_\_\_ her book, I \_\_\_\_\_ her  
mine.
10. He wasn't hungry, so he didn't order anything at the restaurant. If he  
\_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ something at the restaurant.

*Directions: Change the situations into conditional sentences.*

1. People don't understand him because he doesn't speak very clearly. But if he...
2. I am not going to buy that book because it is too expensive. But if that book...
3. She had to work, so she couldn't go to the class reunion. But if...
4. He doesn't have a girlfriend because he is very shy. But if....
5. I got done with my project because I didn't go to the family get-together. But if....
6. Roberto came, so I wasn't disappointed. But....
7. There are so many mosquitoes in the room because there isn't a screen on the window.  
But...
8. I won't buy a moped because I don't have good credit. But....
9. You got into so much trouble because you didn't listen to me. But....
10. The woman didn't die because there was an ambulance nearby. But....
11. Florence didn't pass the civil service exam, so she wasn't able to become a postal worker.  
But....
12. We ran out of gas because we didn't stop at the gas station. But....