

THE EXERCISE IS TO BE DONE AND CORRECTED IN CLASS.

EXPRESSING CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

PHOEBE: **If I had** more time, I **would** go to the movies with you.

Phoebe is not going to the movies because she doesn't have the time. Having enough time is the condition necessary for her to go to the movies. Phoebe doesn't think she will get the time, but if she got the time, then she would go.

We can divide the above sentence into two parts.

- The first part begins with **if** and the verb is in the past.
- The second part uses **would**.

Look at the sentence again:

<p style="text-align: center;">If I had more time,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>IF + PAST</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I would go . . .</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>WOULD</small></p>
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Remember this:



IF + PAST → **WOULD**

The *if*-part of the sentence doesn't have to come first. It can come after the *would*-part. Let's look at these two sentences.

If you took this dress in a little at the waist, it **would** look nicer on you.

This dress **would** look nicer on you **if you took** it in a little at the waist.

The two sentences above have the same meaning, although they are written differently.

IF I WERE

IF HE / SHE / IT WERE

Let's look at these sentences:

If I **were** you, I **would** go back to the mall now.

If *John* **were** here, he **would** know how to repair the toilet.

I **would** stay in bed and read all day if *it* **were** raining.

Instead of using *was* for *I*, *he*, *she* and *it*, as we normally do in the past tense, we used **were**.



In **conditional sentences**, when we use *if* + the past tense of the verb *to be*, we use **were** for all persons.

Fill in the blanks using a verb from this list. Make sure you use the correct tense and form.

live go be find need talk

- Dad, if I had my own car, I _____ to use yours every weekend.
- If Joanne _____ here, she'd lend you the money you need.
- I would be so happy if I _____ my glasses.
- I _____ to the movies with you if I didn't have to study English.
- Mr. Williams _____ to you if he had the time.
- We wouldn't feel so cold in winter if we _____ in Florida.

1. wouldn't need
2. were
3. found

4. would go
5. would talk
6. lived