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GRAMMAR

Would

We use would + infinitive to give an opinion about hypothetical present and future situations.

It would be nice to have a pay rise. They'd probably say no. I wouldn't go there for a holiday.

We use would + infinitive to ask for and offer advice or suggestions.

What would you do in my situation? I'd probably tell her the truth.

We use would with like, love, prefer and hate to express preferences.

Would you **prefer** to have coffee or tea? I'd love to be a journalist.

Unreal conditions

We can talk about impossible or improbable (hypothetical) situations in a conditional clause that begins with if.

When we want to refer to a hypothetical situation in present or future time, we use a past tense in the conditional clause.

If she had a car, ...

(= but she doesn't/won't have a car)

If I were* the president of the USA, ...

(= but I'm not/won't be the president of the USA)

* With the verb be, we can use were for I/she/he/it in a conditional clause.

We use would + infinitive in the main clause of the sentence to talk about the consequence or result of the hypothetical situation.

If she had a car, she would drive to work. She would drive to work if she had a car. If I were the president of the USA, I'd do things very differently.

These sentences are sometimes called second conditional sentences.

Compare the following pair of sentences:

If you listened, you would understand. (The condition here is hypothetical. The speaker is saying that you don't or you won't listen.)

If you listen, you'll understand.

(The condition here is real. The speaker is saying that it is possible that you will listen.)

Unreal conditions in the past

When we want to refer to a hypothetical situation in the past, we use the past perfect (had + past participle) in the conditional clause. These clauses express the opposite of what actually happened.

If you had listened to me, ... (= but you didn't listen to me) If he hadn't missed the train, ... (= but he missed the train)

We use would + have + past participle in the mainclause of the sentence to talk about the consequence or result of the hypothetical situation.

If you had listened to me, you would've understood. You would've understood if you'd listened to me. If he hadn't missed the train, he would have been on time.

These sentences are sometimes called third conditional sentences.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Making offers Can I + infinitive ... for you?

Do you want me to + infinitive ...? I'll + infinitive ..., if you like. Let me + infinitive ... Shall I + infinitive ...? Would you like me to + infinitive ...?

Responding to offers

Thank you. Thanks. That's (really) kind of you. That would be nice/lovely.

No, I'll manage, thanks. No, it's/that's OK, thank you. No, that's all right, thanks.

WORD LIST Newspapers

article n C *** circulation n U ** daily adj/n C *** feature n C/v *** headline n C ** journalist n C ** left wing adj news coverage n U press n U * quality newspaper n C *** right wing adj

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Compound nouns (driving)

credit card n C ** driving licence n C ID card n C mobile phone n C ** motorway n C ** no-parking zone n C one-way street n C police station n C *seatbelt n C speed limit n C traffic lights n C

childminder n C

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/mauta,wei/ /nəu'pa:kin zəun/ /wonwer 'stritt/ /pa'li:s ster[n/ /si:tbelt/ /spi:d ,limit/ /træfik ,laits/

Law and order

arrest v ** /əˈrest/ clue n C ** /klu:/ court n C *** /ko:t/ crime n C/U *** /kraim/ criminal n C * /kriminl/ evidence n U *** /evidens/ gangster n C /gænstə/ guilty adj *** /gɪlti/ innocent adi * /inesent/ judge n C *** $d3 \wedge d3$ jury n C ** /dzuəri/ mask n C ** /ma:sk/ punishment n C ** /pani[mant/ revolver n C /rı'volvə/ rob v ** /rob/ robber n C * /robə/ robbery n C * /robəri/ sentence v ** /sentans/ stick-up n C /stiknp/ trial n C *** /traial/ violent adj ** /vaiələnt/ witness n C ** /witnes/

Other words & phrases

abandon v ** access n U *** annual adi *** attitude n C *** best-selling adj biscuit n C ** bomb n C *** cable n C ** cheerful adj * corporation n C * cream n U ** cyclist n C * demand v *** demonstration $n C^{**}$ divorced adj ** engineering n U *** facilities n pl flan n C/U fountain n C * globalization n U investigative adj lane n C ** launderette n C link v *** living conditions *n pl* look-alike n C movie n C * naked adj ** negotiation n C ** network n C *** overcrowding n U pathetic adj * pie n C/U * point v *** pompous adj public figure n C publish v *** reasonable adj *** roof n C *** salary n C ** schedule n C ** scribble v slip v *** statement n C *** strike n C/v *** strip v ** studio n C summing-up n C symbol n C ** sympathize v thriller n C *

toy n C **

traffic n U ***

treatment n U/C ***

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valley n C *** /væli/ valuable adj *** /væljubl/ value n C *** /vælju:/ vulnerability n C /vxln(ə)rə'biləti/ war n C *** /:cw\ write-off *n C* /raitof/