

Second conditional; *wish/if only*

1 Choose the correct option.

- 1 I wish you *couldn't / wouldn't* think only about yourself.
- 2 I wish I *could / would* run as fast as Usain Bolt.
- 3 If only I *have had / had* an amazing superpower!
- 4 If she could fly, she *will / would* go on a holiday every week.
- 5 If he *stays / stayed* in bed longer, he'd be late for school.
- 6 We'd play more sports if we *had / would have* more free time.
- 7 If I *were / would be* super-intelligent, I'd know all the answers.
- 8 Would your dog *ask / asks* to go on more walks if it could talk?

2 Find and correct one mistake in each sentence.

- 1 If I went to university, I studied medicine.

- 2 If we had superpowers, we be very popular.

- 3 I'd live on my own if I would be older.

- 4 What he would do if his parents couldn't see him?

- 5 I wish we can fly to the moon.

- 6 If they weren't seeing me leaving my room, they'd think I was studying.

- 7 I didn't sleep all day if I were you.

- 8 If only I get better marks in school.

3 Complete the sentences to make them true for you.

- 1 I wish _____.
- 2 If only _____.
- 3 If I had a superpower, _____.
- 4 _____ if I were older.
- 5 _____ if I were famous.
- 6 _____ if I were the richest person in the world.

Answer key

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1 wouldn't

2 could

3 had

4 would

5 stayed

6 had

7 were

8 ask

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3 I'd live on my own if I ~~would be~~ **was/were** older.

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Model answers

1 I wish I lived in a house with a swimming pool.

2 If only we could be happy every day.

3 If I had a superpower, I'd use it to help other people.

4 I would buy a car if I were older.

5 I'd be nice to my fans if I were famous.

6 I'd build houses for every family if I were the richest person in the world.