

20 Questions in the Second Conditional

Activity Type

Grammar and Speaking Game: forming, asking and answering questions from prompts, freer practice (group work)

Focus

Second conditional

Aim

To write, ask and answer questions with the second conditional.

Preparation

Make one copy of the strips for each group of four and cut as indicated. Put the strips in four sets based on their letters.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this second conditional game, students write, ask and answer questions with the second conditional.

Procedure

Demonstrate the game by writing the following second conditional question half on the board:

If you won a round-trip ticket to anywhere in the world,...

Elicit possible ways to complete the question, including not-so-obvious answers.

After that, complete the question with one of the student's ideas and ask it to several students. Then, ask the class to choose who gave the best response, and why.

Next, divide the students into groups of four.

Give each student a set of A, B, C, or D second conditional question strips.

Groups of three are also possible by removing one set of strips.

Tell the students not to show their strips to anyone.

Students then use their own ideas to complete each *If* clause with a main clause using *would* and a base verb.

Go around helping the students as necessary.

When the students have finished, they put all the strips together, shuffle them and place them face-down in a pile on the desk.

Students then take turns picking up a strip and reading the second conditional question to the other group members.

The other group members listen and then each try to give the best answer they can using the second conditional.

The student with the question strip listens to each response and gives the strip to the student who they thought gave the best answer.

The student with the most question strips at the end of the game is the winner.

Finally, go through some of the best questions and answers from each group.

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A. If you had to learn a new language,?

A. If you could solve one of the world's problems,?

A. If you could have any superpower,?

A. If you could move to any country,?

A. If you could have any animal as a pet,?

B. If you could travel to any point in history,?

B. If the Internet stopped working,?

B. If you could bring back one extinct animal,?

B. If you could talk to your younger self,?

B. If you could swap lives with someone for a day,?

C. If you won a million dollars,?

C. If you were stranded on a deserted island,?

C. If you were suddenly 20 years older,?

C. If you could have dinner with any three people,?

C. If you could rewrite the ending to any book or movie,?

D. If you could change one thing about yourself,?

D. If you had the power to control the weather,?

D. If you were the last person left on Earth,?

D. If you could become an expert in any subject,?

D. If you could remove one fear from your life,?