

## Activity Type

Speaking Activity: completing and asking questions from prompts, answering questions, freer practice (group work)

## Focus

Second conditional

## Aim

To ask and answer second conditional questions.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

## Level

Upper-intermediate (B2)

## Time

35 minutes

## Introduction

In this second conditional speaking activity, groups of students practice asking and answering second conditional questions.

## Procedure

Tell the students that they are going to practice asking and answering questions with the second conditional.

Write the first question from the worksheet on the board:

If you ..... (not like) the way your partner dressed,  
..... you ..... (tell) them?

Go through the structure of the second conditional and elicit the missing words, i.e. 'If you didn't like the way your partner dressed, would you tell him/her?'

Elicit possible answers from the students and write them on the board, e.g. Yes, I would. It depends, etc.

Encourage the students to explain their answers and ask the students follow-up questions.

Next, divide the class into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of question cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face-down in a pile on the desk. Make sure each group also has a pen to complete the questions on the cards.

Students take it in turns to pick up a card and complete the question using the second conditional.

The student then asks the other group members the question on the card.

Each group member answers the question in turn and the students discuss the answers.

Encourage the students to ask follow-up questions where possible.

The student notes down the group's answers on the back of the card. Then the next student picks up a card and so on.

When the students have finished, have a class feedback session. Go through each second conditional question in turn and have the groups tell the class their findings. Discuss any surprising or interesting answers in more detail.



If your best friend .....  
(tell) you they had cheated in an exam,  
..... you ..... (tell)  
your teacher?

If you ..... (see) your  
teenage nephew smoking in the street,  
..... you ..... (tell)  
his parents?

If you ..... (not like) the way  
your partner dressed, ..... you  
..... (tell) them?

If you ..... (win) the lottery,  
..... you ..... (stop)  
working or studying straight away?

If you ..... (find) a wallet full of  
money in the street, ..... you  
..... (keep) it?

If you ..... (see) someone being  
robbed in the street, ..... you  
try to ..... (help) them?

If you accidentally ..... (break)  
a new mobile phone, ..... you  
..... (take) it back to the shop  
and say it didn't work?

If you ..... (hit) somebody's  
car in a car park, ..... you  
..... (drive) away without  
telling anyone?

If your neighbour ..... (play)  
loud music late at night, .....  
you ..... (tell) them to turn  
it down?

If you ..... (find) a lot of  
extra money in your bank account,  
..... you ..... (tell)  
the bank?

If you ..... (apply) for a job  
that you really wanted, .....  
you ..... (lie) on your resume?

If you ..... (have) the  
opportunity to travel to another planet,  
..... you ..... (go)?

If you ..... (suspect) that a  
family member had committed a crime,  
..... you ..... (tell)  
the police?

If scientists ..... (invent) a type  
of medicine that stopped you from aging,  
..... you .....  
(take) it?

If you ..... (have) to choose,  
..... you .....  
(prefer) to live in a small village or a  
big city?

If you ..... (find) your partner's  
chat messages open on a computer,  
..... you .....  
(read) them?