

Hey you guys! What's up?

Today we are learning how we can talk about **hypothetical situations** in English!

We need to know the structure of the **2nd conditional**, also known as **UNREAL PRESENT**. It is unreal because it is a hypothesis!

In the example ***if I had a lot of money, I would travel around the world***, the first sentence is an unreal condition, because I don't have a lot of money. But the hypothetical consequence of that condition is that I would be able to travel around the world!

In that case, the structure we have for this function is as follows:

If + simple past _____, would/could

We ALWAYS use the **simple past** in the IF sentence and the **WOULD** or **COULD** modal in the other sentence.

Take a look at this example taken from Beyoncé's song:

IF I WERE A BOY, I THINK I COULD UNDERSTAND.

The IF sentence is in the Simple Past and the other one is using COULD. It is important to note that the sentence goes IF I WERE, instead of if I was. This is the standard grammar rule, and it happens in some structures. This doesn't mean that it is wrong to say *if I was*, it's just not formal or standardized.

Tá, e agora?

You know what to do! If you practiced more, you would see how easy this is!