

## SECOND AND THIRD CONDITIONALS

### Second Conditional

**Condition** + **Imaginary situation**

If I **were** you,

I **would apply** for the job.

*if* clause in  
simple past

main clause *would* +  
verb in base form

**Imaginary  
situation**

+

**Condition**

I would apply for the job

**if** I were you.

### Third Conditional

**Condition** + **Imaginary situation**

If he **had studied** harder,

he **would have passed**  
the exam.

*if* clause in  
past perfect

main clause *would* +  
*have* + past participle

**Imaginary  
situation**

+

**Condition**

He would have passed  
the exam

**if** he had studied harder.

- The second conditional is used to express an imaginary situation in the present or future that won't happen.
- The third conditional expresses an imaginary situation in the past that is impossible to happen.
- You can also use other modals instead of *would*, like *should*, *could*, or *might*.