



# ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 36 – Would

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# Would

## WOULD – IMAGINARY SITUATION

A

- ❖ We use **would ('d) / wouldn't** when we imagine a situation or action (= *we think of something that is not real*):
  - EX1: It **would be** nice to buy a new car, but we can't afford it.
  - EX2: I'd **love** to live by the sea.
  - EX3: A: Shall I tell Chris what happened?  
B: No, I **wouldn't say** anything. (= *I wouldn't say anything in your situation*)
- ❖ We use **would have (done)** when we imagine something that didn't happen in the past:
  - EX4: They helped us a lot. I don't know what we'd **have done** without their help. (*we'd have done = we would have done*)
  - EX5: It's a shame you didn't see the film. You **would have liked** it.
  - EX6: I didn't tell Sam what happened. He **wouldn't have been** pleased.
- ❖ Compare **would (do)** and **would have (done)**:
  - EX7A: I **would call** Lisa, but I don't have her number. (now)  
EX7B: I **would have called** Lisa, but I didn't have her number. (past)
  - EX8A: I'm not going to invite them to the party. They **wouldn't come** anyway.  
EX8B: I didn't invite them to the party. They **wouldn't have come** anyway.
- ❖ We often use **would** in sentences with **if** (see Units 38–40):
  - EX9A: I **would call** Lisa if I had her number.  
EX9B: I **would have called** Lisa if I'd had her number.

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## WILL v.s WOULD

B

### ❖ Compare **will ('ll)** and **would ('d)**:

- EX10: I'll stay a little longer. I've got plenty of time.
- EX11: I'd stay a little longer, but I really have to go now. (so I can't stay longer)
- EX12: I'll call Lisa. I have her number.
- EX13: I'd call Lisa, but I don't have her number. (so I can't call her)

### ❖ Sometimes **would/wouldn't** is the past of **will/won't**.

Present	Past
EX14: TOM: I'll call you on Sunday.	Tom said he'd call me on Sunday.
EX15: AMY: I promise I won't be late.	Amy promised that she <b>wouldn't be</b> late.
EX16: LISA: Oh, no! The car won't start.	Lisa was annoyed because her car <b>wouldn't start</b> .

### ❖ Somebody **wouldn't do something** = he/she refused to do it:

- EX17: I tried to warn him, but he **wouldn't listen** to me. (= he refused to listen)
- EX18: The car **wouldn't start**. (= it 'refused' to start)

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## WOULD – USED TO

C

- ❖ You can also use **would** to talk about things that happened regularly in the past:
  - EX19: When we were children, we lived by the sea. In summer, if the weather was fine, we **would** all get up early and go for a swim. (= we did this regularly)
  - EX20: Whenever Richard was angry, he **would walk** out of the room.
- ❖ With this meaning, **would** is similar to **used to** (see Unit 18):
  - EX21: Whenever Richard was angry, he **used to** walk out of the room.

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## THỰC HÀNH NHANH

Select the option which best completes the sentences below:

Whenever Richard was angry, he \_\_\_\_\_ out of the room.

A. walked

B. walks

C. will walk

D. would walk

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## TÓM TẮT

1. **“Would do something”** mang ý nghĩa **“sẽ làm một việc gì đó”** nhưng trong một tình huống tưởng tượng, không có thật - *I'd love to live by the sea.*
2. Tương tự như vậy, chúng ta dùng **“would have done”** cho những tình huống tưởng tượng trong quá khứ - *I would have called Lisa, but I didn't have her number.*
3. **“Would”** thường được sử dụng trong các câu điều kiện (nhờ tính chất diễn tả tình huống tưởng tượng) - *I would call Lisa if I had her number.*
4. **“Would”** là hình thức quá khứ của **“will”** Chúng ta thường thấy cách dùng này trong các câu tường thuật – *Tom said he'd call me on Sunday.*
5. **“Would”** cũng được dùng để chỉ 1 thói quen trong quá khứ (tương tự như **“used to”**) - *Whenever Richard was angry, he would walk out of the room.*