



Check you know

2nd conditional: if+past simple, would+infinitive (no 'to')

If it rained on the day of my party, I would feel really disappointed The possible future

3rd conditional: if+past perfect, would have+past participle (verb 3)

If it had rained on the day of my party last year, it would have ruined the whole day
The impossible!

Hedging with verbs

Using appear and seem, and/or adding 'would'.

Hedging with the passive

Using the passive shows that an opinion is not necessarily your own.

Hedging with noun phrases

There is little doubt that...

There is some doubt that...

There is no doubt that...

There is little evidence that...

Answer the questions

Would you ever steal? I mean, let's say you'd been in trouble of some sort, you had no money, you needed to get home and you saw someone drop their wallet?

Would you cancel your wedding at short notice? Suppose you were going to get married in a week's time and then you fell in love with someone else; what would you do?

Would you ever help someone you really disliked?

Would you keep a promise whatever it involved?