

# SMART JUNIORS 2

**Moon Exploration or Earth Preservation: A Dilemma**

**Lesson 24**

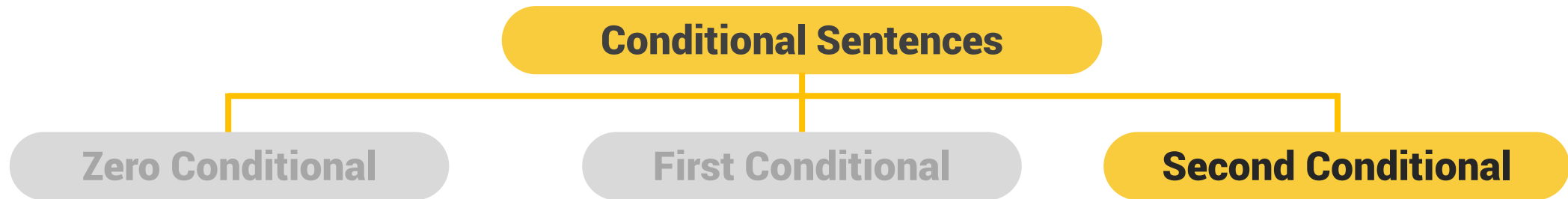
**Grammar Station (2)**



1. If you could travel to space, what **planet or star** would you like to visit, and why?
2. If you had a magic wand to protect Earth's environment, what changes would you make **to help our planet?**



- There are three types of conditional sentences. Let's now learn the second conditional.



We use this for **imaginary situations**, which we believe are nearly or completely impossible.

*condition*

*result*

If I knew the answer, I would tell you.

*(But I don't know the answer so it's impossible for me to tell you.)*

*result*

*condition*

I would travel around the world if I had a million dollars.

*(I don't have a million dollars so I most likely can't travel around the world.)*

## Second Conditional

**If + past ... would + infinitive**

If I **had** time, I **would go** to more concerts. (*But I haven't got time, so I can't go to more concerts.*)

- The condition can be placed **after** the result.

**would + infinitive ... if + past**

I **wouldn't be** late for work **if I had** a car. (*But I don't have a car so I'm often late for work.*)

⚠ The verbs in the sentence are in the past tense although its meaning is present or future.

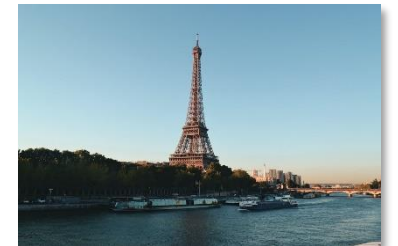
⚠ We often use **were** instead of **was** after **If I/he/she/it**:

If **he weren't** (~~wasn't~~) a dancer, he would be an astronaut.



**Have a try!** Complete the sentences.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the lottery, I would buy a big house.
2. They would get better grades if they \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder.
3. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) Paris, you would see the Eiffel Tower.



## I wish

- We use **I wish + past** for a wish about a present situation.

**I wish** I **had** more free time. (but I don't)

**I wish** I **wasn't** so busy. (but I am)

**I wish** I **could** travel to Mars. (but I can't)

! We use a past tense, although we are talking about now.

! We often use **were** instead of **was** after **I/he/she/it**.

I wish I **were** (~~was~~) clever. (but I'm not)

I wish I **were** (~~was~~) born wealthy. (but I'm not)

He wishes he **were** (~~was~~) more confident. (but he isn't)

She wishes she **were** (~~was~~) in a warmer climate. (but she isn't)



**Have a try!**

Guess the dialogue using the hints.



John likes to be strong.



Mary wants some candies.

## ■ Choose the correct sentences.

- If I had a million dollars, I would travel a lot,
- If I have a million dollars, I would travel a lot.
  
- If you were a bird, you had flew anywhere.
- If you were a bird, you could fly anywhere.
  
- If they heard the news, they would be shocked.
- If they hear the news, they would be shocked.

## ■ Transform the sentences into second conditional sentences.

1. If I will win the lottery, I would buy a new car.
2. If she had more time, she will travel to Europe.
3. If they will come, we would be happy.
4. If it will rain tomorrow, I stayed home.
5. If she have money, she will buying a new house.

- Complete the conversation by choosing the correct verb forms.

If you could have millions of dollars now, what would you (buying/buy)?

If I could have those now, I would (to wish, wish) to go to Cebu.

You don't need millions to go there, only a thousand, I think.

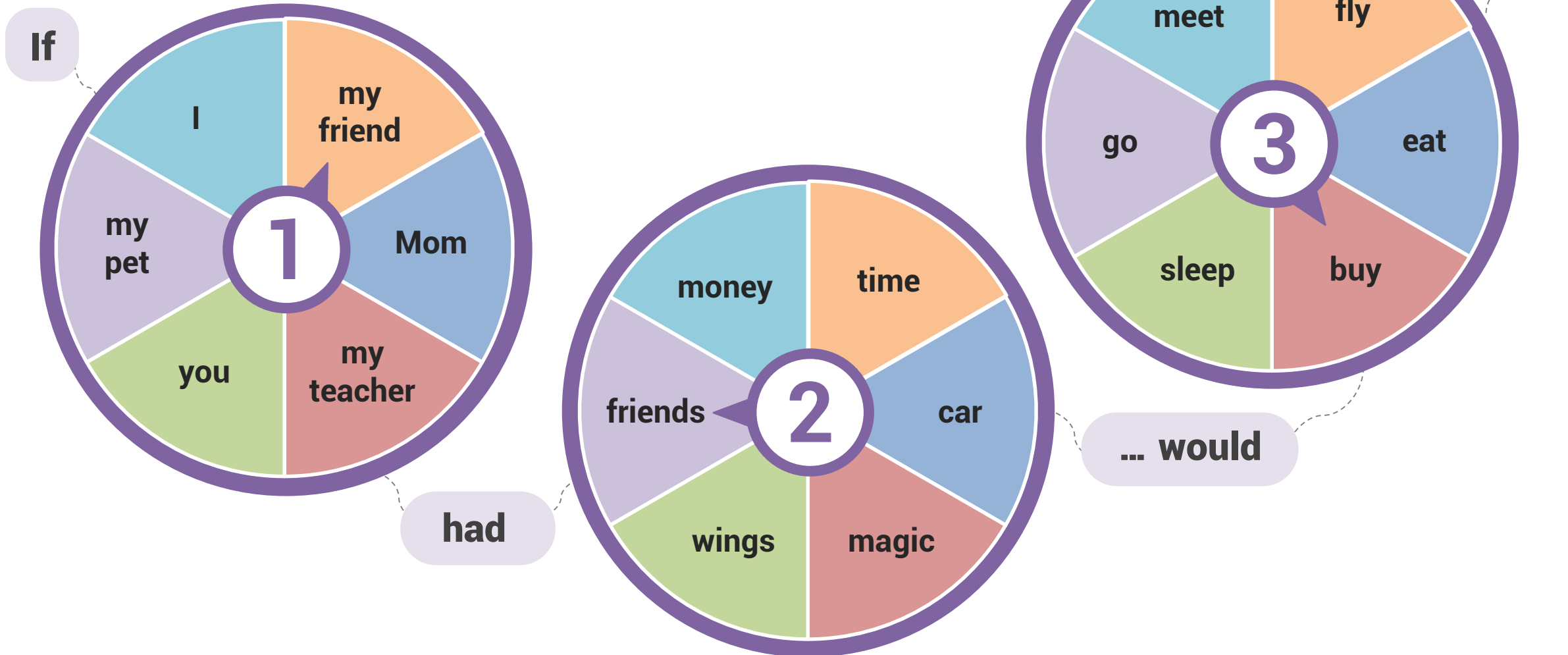
I wish I (could, be) have a thousand, but I don't.

Mine is not costly. I wish I (were, is) very strong.



# PRODUCTION

- Spin the turntable to create second conditional sentences.







## Second Conditional

We use this for imaginary situations, which we believe are nearly or completely impossible.

- 01 **if + past ... would + infinitive**  
If I had time, I would go to more concerts.
- 02 **would + infinitive ... if + past**  
I wouldn't be late for work if I had a car.

The verb in the part of the sentence is in the past tense although its meaning is present or future. We often use 'were' instead of 'was' after **I/he/she/it**:

- 03 If he weren't (wasn't) a dancer, he would be an astronaut.

## I wish

We use I wish + past for a wish about a present situation.

- 04 **(but I don't)**  
I wish I had more free time.
- 05 **(but I am)**  
I wish I wasn't so busy,
- 06 **(but I can't)**  
I wish I could travel to Mars.

 We often use **were** instead of **was** after **I/he/she/it**.

A composite image featuring a space station in orbit over Earth on the left, and a green landscape with a road on the right. The text 'WHAT'S NEXT...' is overlaid in a large, white, bubbly font with a green drop shadow. The background is decorated with several orange and light green circles of varying sizes.

# WHAT'S NEXT...

In the next lesson, we're going to learn  
a new unit "Country or Countryside?"

See you next time!