



## Revise the *Second conditional* with a song

Look at the lyrics to the first verse of the song *If you were a sailboat* by Katie Melua.

Match the halves of the lines together.

1	If you were a cowboy	a	I would swim you,
2	If you were a piece of wood	b	I'd begin to change my ways.
3	If you were a sailboat	c	I would live in you all my days.
4	If you were a river	d	I would sail you to the shore.
5	If you were a house	e	I would trail you.
6	If you were a preacher	f	I'd nail you to the floor.

Listen to the first verse and check.

You can find the song on YouTube here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hOwLap5Je8>

Now listen to the chorus and second verse of the song. Fill in the gaps in the second verse.

Sometimes I believe in fate, but the chances we create, always seem to ring more true.  
You took a chance on loving me; I took a chance on loving you.

If I <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in jail, I know <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me

If I <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a telephone, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me all day long

If I <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in pain, I know <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me soothing songs

Look carefully at the completed lyrics and analyse the grammar. Complete the table:

Grammar analysis: Second Conditional
<b>Form:</b> If + _____ , _____ + infinitive
<b>Use:</b> For talking about <u>hypothetical</u> / <u>real</u> situations and <u>hypothetical</u> / <u>real</u> results.
<b>Pronunciation:</b> contraction: would = 'd e.g. I _____, you _____, we _____, he _____, she _____, it _____, they _____





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**Song**

**Verse 1**

1	If you were a cowboy	e	I would trail you.
2	If you were a piece of wood	f	I'd nail you to the floor.
3	If you were a sailboat	d	I would sail you to the shore.
4	If you were a river	a	I would swim you,
5	If you were a house	c	I would live in you all my days.
6	If you were a preacher	b	I'd begin to change my ways.

**Verse 2**

If I <sup>1</sup>**was** in jail, I know <sup>2</sup>**you'd** <sup>3</sup>**spring** me

If I <sup>4</sup>**was** a telephone, <sup>5</sup>**you'd** <sup>6</sup>**ring** me all day long

If I <sup>7</sup>**was** in pain, I know <sup>8</sup>**you'd** <sup>9</sup>**sing** me soothing songs

**Grammar Analysis**

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**Form:** If + **past simple** , **would / wouldn't** + infinitive

**Use:** For talking about **hypothetical / real** situations and **hypothetical / real** results.

**Pronunciation:** contraction: would = 'd e.g. **I'd, you'd, we'd, he'd, she'd, it'd, they'd**

