

Conditionals 2nd and 3rd

Sports and Games –

1. Read the text and fill in the blanks with words or phrases from the box.

ranking	extravagant appearance	children	track and field
tennis	unfortunately	player	world records

One of the most talented athletes of all times is Florence Griffith Joyner, also known as Flo-Jo. She was an American (1) _____ athlete. She is believed to be the “fastest woman of all time” because in 1988 she set (2) _____ for both the 100 metres and 200 metres which haven’t been challenged yet. (3) _____, she died in 1998 at the age of only 38. Another amazing athlete is the German (4) _____ player Steffi Graf. She was ranked World No. 1 by the Women’s Tennis Association for the longest period in which any player, male or female, has managed to hold number-one (5) _____: 377 weeks. In addition, she has won 22 Grand Slam singles titles. An interesting fact is that in 2001 she married another tennis star, Andre Agassi, and have two (6) _____. Dennis Rodman is a retired American professional basketball (7) _____. In NBA he played for Chicago Bulls, Los Angeles Lakers, and other teams. Besides his abilities as a player, he is famous for his (8) _____ and lifestyle. Recently, he visited North Korea, and ended up hugging its leader, Kim Jong- un.

2. Mark the statements T for true and F for false.

1. Florence Griffith Joyner will be remembered for being the fastest woman.
2. Steffi Graf is married to John McEnroe.
3. Steffi Graf won 22 Grand Slam singles titles.
4. Dennis Rodman visited Cambodia recently.
5. Dennis Rodman is famous for his extravagant appearance and lifestyle.
6. Florence Griffith Joyner died very young.

3. Reread the text above and finish the sentences.

1. If Florence Griffith Joyner was alive, she (set) more records.
2. If Steffi Graf had become a singer, the tennis world (lose) an amazing player.
3. If I were a tennis player, I (want) to be as good as Steffi Graf.
4. If I go to the United States, I(try) to meet Dennis Rodman.
5. If I had a time machine, I (go back) in time and watch the 1988 Olympics.
6. If I met Dennis Rodman, I (ask) him questions about Chicago Bulls.
7. If I were from North Korea, I(to be) very happy to see Dennis Rodman.

4) Formation. Complete the table below:

Grammar focus	IF Clause	Main Clause
2nd Conditional	If +	+ Infinitive
3rd Conditional	+ Past Perfect Tense	Would have +

5) Usage. Complete the table with the words below:

present	past	future
situation	impossible	improbable

2nd Conditional	We use 2nd conditional when we talk about an impossible or (1) _____ situation regarding the (2) _____ or the (3) _____ (events that are unlikely to happen). <i>e.g. If I won the lottery, I would travel a lot.</i>
3rd Conditional	We use 3rd conditional when we talk about an (4) _____ or unreal (5) _____ regarding the (6) _____. <i>e.g. If I had studied for the test, I would have passed.</i>

Practice:

1. Fill in the blanks with the proper form of the verb in brackets.

1. If Tina had practiced harder, she(win) the ice skating tournament.
2. If I were good at sports, I (to be) doing gymnastics.
3. If Donna had taken part in the championship, she (defeat) you!
4. If Armen was my yoga instructor, I (not miss) a class.
5. If you had defeated him, you(become) the new world champion.
6. If I could swim, I (try) diving.

2. Answer the questions. What will you do if you...

- a) could/ couldn't swim?
- b) were the fastest man/ woman on earth?
- c) had to wake up early in the morning to go jogging?
- d) were a famous gymnast?

Production:

1. Imagine you are a famous athlete. Who will you be? What sports will you be good at? Write ten sentences.
2. Imagine you have a time machine. If you go back in time, what will you change? (200 words)

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