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The second conditional

Grammar worksheet · Ficha de gramática inglesa: el second conditional (if con past simple y would)

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If I could fly, I _____

If I lived in another country, I _____

If I had a superpower, I _____

What would you do if _____ ?

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Respuesta libre. Ejemplo: If I could fly, I would go to school over the rooftops. If I lived in another country, I would miss my friends. If I had a superpower, I would be invisible. What would you do if you found a secret door in your house?