

LIFE – Life-changing events

TRANSCRIPT

So what **would you do if you won** the lottery? I think a lot of people spend a lot of time **daydreaming** about what **they would do with their winnings if they hit the jackpot**. I don't play the lottery anymore, so I don't **give it much thought** but I guess most people say **the same old things** like buy an expensive car or travel around the world. Anyway, the first thing many people do if they win is **go on a spending spree**.

As for me, **if I won the lottery, I wouldn't blow it on material things** like this. Of course I **would use** it to travel more but I don't think I **would stay** in **luxury** hotels and travel everywhere **first class**. I **would probably use** some of the money to study more. I **would love** to learn more languages, so I think I **would sign up for** language courses in different countries, which **would also be** a great way to find out about different cultures. The problem at the moment of course is **a lack of time** to do these things.

Another good thing **would be** to use the money to **help needy people**. I **wouldn't just donate** all the money to **charity** as I don't know how the money **would be spent**. It might even be wasted that way. But I **would like to use** some of it for projects that help people to help themselves in some way and I **would like to be involved** in that somehow. That **would give** me **a real sense of satisfaction**.

VOCABULARY

daydreaming – spending time during the day thinking about things you would rather be doing rather than doing your work

hit the jackpot – win a large amount of money, get lucky

give it some thought – think about something for a while in order to make a decision

go on a spending spree – spend a large amount of money in a short period of time, often on unnecessary things

blow money – spend all your money on things you don't need, waste all your money

luxury – high quality, high class, expensive

a lack of time – not enough time

help needy people – help people who need it the most

charity – an organisation that helps people in need

a real sense of satisfaction – a very positive feeling from doing something good

GRAMMAR

Second conditional

If I won the lottery, I would travel around the world
I would travel around the world if I won the lottery

Use the **second conditional** to talk about
an unreal present or future situation

This situation is unlikely or impossible

Use if + past simple, would/may/might/could (not) + infinitive (without 'to') to make the **second conditional**