

Other Hypothetical Forms: Hypothetical and Actual Statements

It is possible to mix **hypothetical** (unreal or possible) **results** with **actual conditions**. “*Otherwise*” or “*but*” can be used to join hypothetical results with actual conditions. For hypothetical result in the past, use “*would*” or “*could*” + *have* + *past participle*. For present or future hypothetical results, use “*could*” or “*would*” + *base verb*.

Actual Condition

I was sick yesterday.
Peter cleaned up his bedroom.
It's going to rain.

Hypothetical Result

Otherwise, I could have attended the meeting.
Otherwise his mother would have been angry.
Otherwise they could paint the house today.

Hypothetical Result

We could go out for dinner,
I would be finished my report,

Actual Condition

but I don't have enough money.
but I watched a movie last night instead of doing it.

Give a hypothetical result for each actual condition below. Use *BUT* or *OTHERWISE*.

Example: I don't have a dog.

I don't have a dog. Otherwise, I would take long walks every day with my dog. *or*
I'd take long walks every day if I had a dog, but I don't have one.

1. I don't have a car.

2. My native language is not English.

3. Canada's population is not as big as the United States'.

4. We don't have tests every day.

5. People can't smoke in the classrooms.
