

Unit 0 Describe hypothetical situations and give advice

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If I were you...

MEANING: You imagine yourself in the position or situation of the other person. It is used **TO GIVE ADVICE.**

If I were you,	+	I would + verb
If I were you,		I would study more.
If I were you,		I wouldn't do that.
I would + verb	+	if I were you
I would go to the doctor		if I were you.
I wouldn't go there		if I were you.

If I were you, I wouldn't eat that.

I would be careful if I were you.

Why *If I were* and not *If I was*?

This is the SUBJUNCTIVE mood which is used for HYPOTHETICAL situations. It is a condition which is contrary to fact (the fact is, I am NOT you).

With TO BE, use WERE for all subjects in the SUBJUNCTIVE.

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If I were you

If I were you ... is used when giving **ADVICE** about what you would do in the same situation as the other person. You imagine yourself in their position or situation and what you would do or how you would react.

- If I were you, I would study more.
- If I were you, I would stop doing that.
- If I were you, I would go to the doctor.
- if I were you, I would subscribe to the Woodward English YouTube channel right now. :)
- If I were you, I wouldn't play with those wires.

Though in informal (and grammatically incorrect) English, you may hear some people say *If I was*... This usage doesn't sound good, so avoid it.

You can also change the order of the sentence

- I would study more if I were you.
- I would be more careful if I were you.
- I wouldn't do that if I were you.

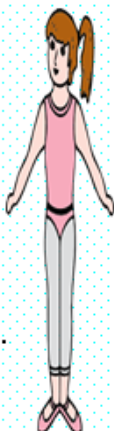
♥♥ If I Were You, I Would... 🌱

1. Choose the correct variant:

1. I have a terrible toothache.	→	If I were you, I'd...	see the doctor. take an aspirin. have a rest. ✦ buy a white car. buy a green car. buy Opel.
2. I want to buy a car.	→	If I were you, I'd...	buy a cat. buy a dog. buy a monkey. borrow money from the bank. work hard. invent something.
3. I want to buy a pet.	→	If I were you, I'd...	train every day. go to the sports club. run every day. borrow them from my friend.
4. I want to become a millionaire.	→	If I were you, I'd...	go to the bank. address my boss. buy an evening dress. buy a black dress. buy a red dress.

2. Read the sentences and give advice using the structure "If I were you, I'd":

- I can't sleep at night.
- I'm afraid of snakes.
- I want to buy a camera.
- I have a terrible headache.
- I can't solve this problem.
- I must buy a present.
- I want to be an Olympic champion.
- I need money awfully.
- I want to buy a watch.



3. Read and change the phrases of advice:

A: Hi Liz! What's the matter with you? You're so unhappy? ✦

L: Hi Alice! I saw a wonderful fur coat and I'd like to buy it but...

A: What's the problem?

L: I don't have enough money for it. I need 1000 dollars.

A: Well, do you know where you can borrow money? ✦ ✦

L: I'm thinking about it but I have no ideas.

A: Why don't you address Mona? I think she can lend you money. ✦

4. Complete the dialogue:

T: Hi Andrew! Why are so worried? ✦ ✦

A: Hi Tom! I want to buy a camera and I don't know which one to choose. ✦

T: _____

A: _____

T: _____

A: _____

5. Choose the best quotation:

*I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite. -Gilbert K. Chesterton ✦

*A word to the wise ain't necessary - it's the stupid ones that need the advice. -Bill Cosby

*The best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it. -Harry Truman