‘would…’ – Conditional Tense

**WHAT IS IT?**

Used when talking about something that **would, should or could happen in the future.**

**HOW DO I FORM IT?**

1. Take the **infinitive**.

e.g rester – to stay

Je rester**ais** – I would stay

1. Then add thefollowing endings**:**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| I | Je | **ais** |
| You (s.) | Tu | **ais** |
| He/She/One | Il/elle | **ait** |
| We | Nous | **ions** |
| You (pl) | Vous | **iez** |
| They | Ils/elles | **aient** |

**STILL STUCK?**

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**EXAMPLES**

**\*Some are irregular!\***

**I would go** – J’ir**ais\***

**You would like** – Tu voudr**ais\***

**He would visit** – Il visiter**ait**

**We could** – nous pourr**ions**\*

**You (pl.) should**

– Vous devriez

**They would like** – Ils aimer**aient**

**IRREGULARS**

Add the endings to the following irregular stems :

(do) faire – fer

(go) aller – ir

(have) avoir – aur

(be) être – ser

(be able to) pouvoir – pourr

(have to) devoir – devr

(want) vouloir - voudr

**Je voudrais –** I would like **J’aimerais –** I would like **Je préférerais –** I would prefer **J’irais –** I would go