

WOULD: USES

(Modal Verb)

FUTURE

Used to refer to future time from the point of view of the past:

- *He said he would see his brother tomorrow.*
- *They knew there would be trouble unless the report was finished by the next day.*
- *We realized it wouldn't be easy to find another secretary.*

INTENTION

Used to refer to an intention from the point of view of the past:

- *He said he would always love her .*
- *They promised that they would help.*
- *There was nobody left who would (= was willing to) do it.*
- *I asked him to move his car but he said he wouldn't (= he refused).*

POSSIBILITY

Used to refer to a situation that you can imagine happening:

- *I would hate to miss the show.*
- *I'd go myself but I'm too busy.*
- *It would **have** been very boring to sit through the whole speech.*

Used with *if* in conditional sentences (= sentences that refer to what happens if something else happens):

- *What would you do if you lost your job?*
- *If I'd had time, I would **have** gone to see Graham.*

REQUEST

Used in polite requests and offers:

- *Would you like to borrow this book?*
- *May I conduct you to your table, sir, or would you prefer to have a drink at the barfirst?*
- *Would you like an aisle seat or would you prefer to be by the window?*
- *Is that enough potato, or would you like some more?*
- *Someone's at the door - would you answer it please?*

WILLINGNESS

Used to talk about what someone was willing to do or what something was able to do:

- *This new computer system would save us a lot of time when doing the accounts.*
- *Such a policy would enhance the company's profile abroad.*
- *Thick carpet would reduce the echo in this hallway.*
- *She would let you use her computer if you asked.*
- *I wouldn't get involved if I were you.*

WOULD: FORM

AFFIRMATIVE FORM:

Would comes first in the verb phrase (after the subject and before another verb):

- *Dad **would sing** to us every evening.*
- *Would* cannot be used with another modal verb:
- *When Tracy opened the door, she thought she **would** find an empty room.*
 - ~~Not: ... she thought she would might find an empty room. or ... she thought she might would find an empty room.~~

NEGATIVE FORM:

The negative form of *would* is *wouldn't*. We don't use *don't*, *doesn't*, *didn't* with *would*:

- *There **wouldn't** be any food in the house.*
 - ~~Not: There didn't would be any food in the house.~~

We use the full form *would not* in formal contexts or when we want to emphasise something:

- Your father **would not** approve.

QUESTION FORM:

The subject and *would* change position to form questions. We don't use *do, does, did*:

- **Would** that be a good idea?
 - Not: ~~Does this would that be a good idea?~~
- **Wouldn't** that be a good idea?

We can use *would* and *wouldn't* in question tags:

- She *wouldn't* be any help, **would** she?
- They *would* enjoy that, **wouldn't** they?

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