

VERBS 5 : THE CONDITIONAL

The **conditional** tells us about something that would or could happen given the right conditions, eg. **I would go.**

➔ See pages 305-309 of your *Chambers Harrap's French School Dictionary* for more information on the conditional and to help with the following exercises.

The conditional is formed in the same way as the future tense: the stem is the same but the endings are slightly different.

To form the conditional:

Take the infinitive and add the conditional endings.

With “-re” verbs you **MUST** remove the “e” before adding the endings.

Use pages 305-309 of your *Chambers Harrap's French School Dictionary (The Conditional)* to work out the conditional endings.

Pronoun	Conditional ending	Pronoun	Conditional ending
je	_____	nous	_____
tu	_____	vous	_____
il / elle / on	_____	ils / elles	_____

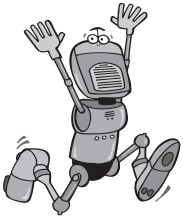


The endings for the conditional are the same as the endings for the...

Complete the following sentences by putting the verbs into the conditional form.

- Le professeur explique _____ (clearly).
- J' _____ (aimer) aller en vacances.
- Tu _____ (maigrir), si tu mangeais moins.
- Mon frère _____ (acheter) une nouvelle voiture, s'il avait de l'argent.
- Nous _____ (prendre) l'avion, si ce n'était pas aussi cher.
- Vous _____ (partir) en vacances, si vous ne travailliez pas.
- Les filles _____ (dormir), si elles étaient fatiguées.

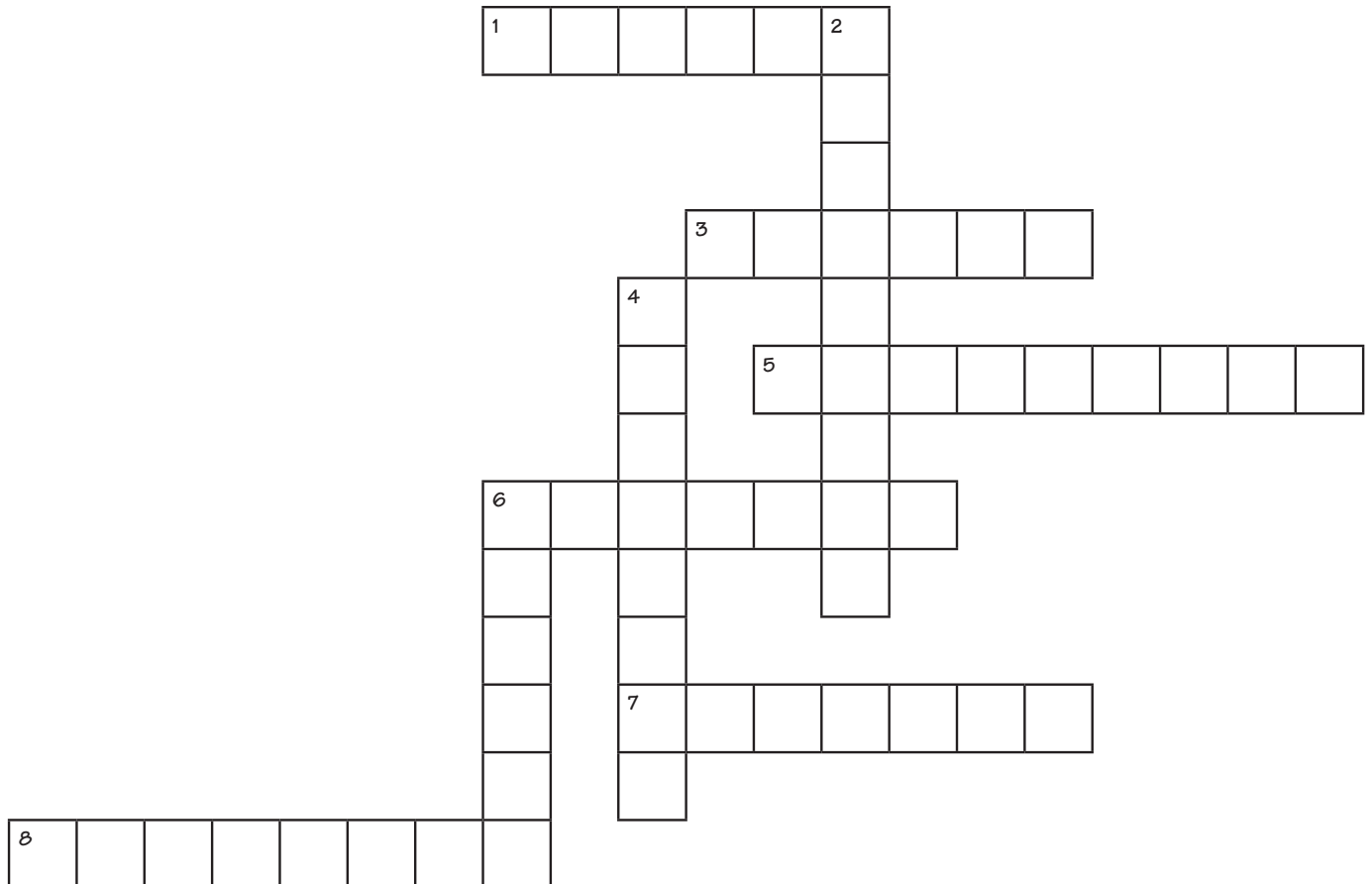
IRREGULAR VERBS



Not more irregular verbs...

The good news is they have exactly the same stem as in the future tense, but the conditional endings that you have already seen on the regular verbs.

Use pages 312–325 (*The Conditional*) in your *Chambers Harrap's French School Dictionary* to help you complete the crossword below.



Across

- 1. I would have = J' _____
- 3. You would do = Vous _____
- 5. You would come = Tu _____
- 6. We would be = Nous _____
- 7. They would go = Ils _____
- 8. We should = Nous _____

Down

- 2. They would know = Ils/elles _____
- 4. He/She could = Il/elle/on _____
- 6. I would be = Je _____

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Now you are quite familiar with the conditional endings, look at the following questions and underline the verb which is in the conditional. Then, using your dictionary as necessary, translate the question into English.

- *Que ferais-tu, si tu gagnais au loto?*
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- *Si tu pouvais changer quelque chose dans le monde, que changerais-tu ?*
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- *Si tu étais président des Etats-Unis, que ferais-tu ?*
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- *Si tu étais célèbre, qui voudrais-tu être ?*
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- *Si tu étais une fille/un garçon, que ferais-tu ?*
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- *Où est-ce que tu aimerais vivre ?*
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