

Simon: the second conditional – transcript

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What would you do if you won the lottery?

What would I do if I won the lottery? Well, I play the piano and at the moment I have an electric keyboard. A cheap and small electric keyboard. I'm happy with it but it would be great to have a piano. So, if I won the lottery, I'd buy a concert grand. [*Wow!*] A huge grand piano.

[*Do you have space for that?*] Well, exactly. If I did buy this grand piano, I'd need a flat big enough to house this grand piano. As well as myself and the other people I live with. And then, because I'd probably want to play this piano in the middle of the night, I'd have to have the room soundproofed so my neighbours wouldn't be annoyed. And then, because I'm not very good at playing the piano, I'd need to hire a professional piano tutor to help me eh improve my piano technique. And if I had won the lottery, I wouldn't need to work so I could spend all day, everyday and maybe every night practising the piano.

[Wow! That's different and do you think with all these things in place you would actually become erm a decent keyboardist, a decent pianist?] I think it would take a few years / maybe a decade.

[And do you think you'd have any ambitions to to do something public with this skill?] I would make a recording of certain pieces and send the CD to you. *[Awww, thanks.]*