



Grammar with Waterloo

The grammar topic we have connected to this song is **the second conditional**. Let's take a look...

Waterloo

The second conditional is a sentence structure in English that consists of two parts. It is used to talk about **a hypothetical situation in the future that is unlikely to happen.**

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Let's look out for the second conditional in the lyrics...

Waterloo

My my
At Waterloo Napoleon did surrender
Oh yeah
And I have met my destiny in quite a similar way
The history book on the shelf
Is always repeating itself

Waterloo I was defeated, you won the war
Waterloo promise to love you for evermore
Waterloo **couldn't escape if I wanted to**
Waterloo knowing my fate is to be with you
Waterloo finally facing my Waterloo

My my
I tried to hold you back, but you were stronger
Oh yeah
And now it seems my only chance is giving up the fight
And how could I ever refuse
I feel like I win when I lose

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A second conditional sentence has two parts

PART 1

If + past simple

PART 2

would + infinitive

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These parts can flip around too

PART 2
would + infinitive

PART 1
If + past simple

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In part 2, we can replace the word WOULD with could or should.

PART 2
would + infinitive

PART 1
If + past simple

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This is what happens in this song

PART 2
would + infinitive

PART 1
If + past simple

I couldn't escape if I wanted to