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| **Lesson Title:** Conditional Tenses | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-122 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcome**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to identify sentences that are in conditional tenses. | | | |

**Overview**

**Conditional tenses** are used to discuss:

* What could happen
* What might have happened
* What we wish would happen

They are not used to talk about things that actually did happen, unless they are talking about general truths, such as, ‘If it rains, you get wet.’

When you sit BECE, you will be given questions that use **conditional tenses**. You will have to choose the correct interpretation. For example, ‘If we had gone to the market, we would have bought food for supper.’

This means that:

a. We bought food for supper.

b. We have been buying food for supper.

c. We are now buying food for supper.

d. We did not buy food for supper.

The correct answer is d.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Choose the correct interpretation of the following conditional sentences.

1. If I had not broken my leg, I would have taken part in the dance.
   1. The person is taking part in the dance.
   2. The person is not taking part in the dance.
   3. The person was taking part in the dance.
2. My brother would have bought a car if he had the money.
   1. My brother did not buy a car.
   2. My brother did buy a car.
   3. My brother will buy a car.
3. If I feel better, I will go to the football game with you.
   1. The person will go to the game.
   2. The person will not go to the game.
   3. The person might go to the game.
4. We would swim in the ocean if it were not so cold.
   1. They are swimming in the ocean.
   2. They are going to swim in the ocean.
   3. They are not going to swim in the ocean.
5. If we had a boat, we would sail the seven seas.
   1. They have a boat.
   2. They do not have a boat.
   3. They will have a boat.

**Activity 2**

Write an interpretation of the following conditional sentences.

1. If you had arrived here a week ago, you would have seen the festival.
2. I would have brought you some more mangoes if I had more.
3. If the wind hadn’t stopped, our fence would have blown away.
4. If we’d had more rain in the rainy season, the plants would be taller now.
5. The baby would not have burned herself if you were watching more carefully.

**Activity 3**

Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Some sentences need a negative verb.

1. If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ late again, the teacher will be angry. (to arrive)
2. You will be sorry if you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for your exams. (to revise)
3. We \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ if the weather’s nice. (to go)
4. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ so happy if I pass the exam. (to be)
5. The government \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the next election if they ignore public opinion. (to lose)

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**Activity 1**

1. b 2. a 3. c 4. c 5. b

**Activity 2**

1. The person did not get to see the festival because they were a week late.
2. The person did not bring more mangoes because they didn’t have any.
3. The fence did not blow away because the wind stopped.
4. There was not a lot of rain in the rainy season.
5. The baby burned herself because you did not watch carefully.

**Activity 3**

1. arrive 2. don’t revise 3. will go 4. will be 5. will lose