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| **Lesson Title:** Narrative Composition | | **Theme:** Writing | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-123 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcome**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to write a narrative composition using the conditional tense. | | | |

**Overview**

The **conditional tense** that is best for writing a narrative composition is the pattern **if + simple past + present conditional**. For example, ‘If I became president, I would be famous.’ This conditional tense is used with unlikely or impossible situations. When you make the statement you know that are not president, and it is unlikely that you will become president in the future.

The conditional tense requires you to imagine the future. It also requires you to use the helping verb ‘would’ with a main verb.

In your opening paragraph, introduce your topic so that readers know what you are

writing about. For example, ‘There is so much I would do if I became president. I would improve the educational system and invest more money in health clinics.’ Remember to always use the helping verb ‘**would**’. Each time you mention what you would do, explain or give a reason.

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Use the following outline to help you plan your narrative composition in conditional tense. Write on the topic, ‘If I Travelled to Outer Space’.

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| Title  Introduction: Introduce the topic of your narrative composition.  Body paragraphs: Describe what you would do. Use a different paragraph for each idea.  1.  2.  3.  Conclusion: Sum up your composition. |

**Activity 2**

Use the outline you completed in Activity 1 to help you write your narrative composition on the topic, ‘If I Travelled to Outer Space’. Remember to organise your writing into a clear introduction, body and conclusion.

After you have finished writing, check your composition to make sure that you included the following:

* an introduction that introduces the topic
* a body that describes what you would do if you traveled to outer space
* a conclusion that sums up what you have written in the composition
* well-organised paragraphs
* sentences in the conditional tense
* no spelling or grammar errors

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**Activity 1**

Example outline:

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| If I Travelled to Outer Space  Introduction: If I travelled to outer space I would do so many amazing things.  Body paragraphs:   1. I would take many pictures of the earth 2. I would feel what it is like to have no gravity. 3. I would explore for aliens.   Conclusion: If I travelled to outer space, it would be an experience like no other. I would have so many stories to tell about my adventures. |

**Activity 2**

Example composition:

If I Travelled to Outer Space

If I travelled to outer space I would do so many amazing things. I would travel in a rocket ship and it would take years. However, it would be worth it to take pictures, feel no gravity and look for aliens!

If I were in outer space, I would make sure I brought along an excellent camera. I would take so many pictures of the earth from way up high. I would try to take pictures of Africa. I would imagine that I could see my home.

I would love to feel what it would be like to be without gravity. I can imagine it would be a lot of fun and I could jump so high. I would probably struggle to sleep. It would be new trying to sleep without gravity!

The best thing of all would be looking for aliens! Some do not agree, but I think they exist. I would spend all my free time looking for evidence of life on other planets.

If I travelled to outer space, it would be an experience like no other. I would have so many stories to tell about my adventures in zero gravity, alien hunting and picture taking.