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| **Lesson Title:** Conditional Tenses | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-121 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Use the conditional tenses in sentences.  2. Refer to action that could or should have happened in the past but did not.  3. Use the conditional tenses to refer to a specific situation or likely event. | | | |

**Overview**

We use the **conditional** to talk about what could happen, what might have happened or what we wish would happen. Most sentences using the conditional contain the word ‘if’. In the present tense, conditional sentences may use ‘when’ instead.

In conditional sentences, for something to happen and be true, another thing must happen and be true also. That is the condition. Sentences that use conditional tense require two verbs. Here are some examples:

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| **If/when + simple present** | **simple present** |
| If you eat rotten chicken | you get sick. |
| If you get very sick | you go to the hospital. |
| **If + simple present** | **simple future (will)** |
| If you walk too slowly | you will be late to school. |
| If you are late to school | you will be punished. |
| **If + simple past** | **present conditional (would)** |
| If I knew his phone number | I would call him. |
| If I called him | he would say, ‘Hello’. |
| **If + past perfect** | **perfect conditional (would have)** |
| If they had played harder | they would have won the match. |
| If they had won the match | they would have celebrated. |

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Choose the best answer from the multiple-choice options given to complete the following sentences.

1. If I were a dog, I…
   1. would spend all day sleeping under a tree.
   2. will spend all day sleeping under a tree.
   3. can spend all day sleeping under a tree.
2. If you saw a thief stealing…
   1. what did you do?
   2. what are you doing?
   3. what would you do?
3. If I could speak Swahili, …
   1. I will go to Tanzania.
   2. I would go to Tanzania.
   3. I am going to Tanzania.
4. People would spend more time at restaurants, if…
   1. there were more money.
   2. they has more money.
   3. they had more money.
5. If you don’t do your homework, …
   1. you will not pass your exams.
   2. you won’t not pass your exams.
   3. you will pass your exams.

**Activity 2**

Put the verb in brackets into the correct tense to make a conditional sentence.

1. If the computer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (stop), press this button to reset it.
2. If you help me with my homework, I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (do) the same for you one day.
3. If we find a bus, we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (get) there before the show starts.
4. If he had not fallen over, he \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (win) the race.
5. We would have stopped to say hello if we \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (have) the time.

**Activity 3**

Complete the following sentences using the conditional tense.

1. If I had more time, .
2. If I lived on a lonely island, .
3. If you study for the test, .
4. If they listened to me, .
5. If it rains tomorrow, .

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**Activity 1**

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

**Activity 2**

1. stops 2. will do 3. will get 4. would have won 5. had

**Activity 3**

Example sentences:

1. If I had more time, I would learn to speak another language.
2. If I lived on a lonely island, I would swim all day.
3. You will pass the test if you study for it.
4. If they had listened to me, they would not have been late.
5. I will have to get a rain coat if it rains tomorrow.