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| **Lesson Title:** Conditional Tense | | **Theme:** Grammar | |
| **Practice Activity:** PHL-09-108 | | **Class:** JSS 3 | |
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| **Learning Outcomes**  By the end of the lesson, you will be able to:  1. Explain why this tense is referred to as the conditional tense.  2. Discuss the four main types of conditional tenses and when they are used. | | | |

**Overview**

In English, the **conditional tense** explains that for something to happen, another thing must first happen. It uses the word ‘if’ to give a **condition**. The conditions are found in the part of the sentence beginning with ‘if’. This is the **subordinate clause**.

There are four main types of conditional tenses in English. All four types use the word ‘if’:

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| **Formation** | **When to use** | **Example** |
| If/when + present tense + present tense | To talk about general truths — things that always happen when another thing happens | If you steal, you break the law. |
| If + present tense + future tense (will/shall + verb) | To talk about something that could happen and predict what would happen next | If you steal, you will be punished. |
| If + past tense + conditional tense (would) | To talk about an imagined event and predict what would happen next | If you stole, you would be punished. |
| If + past perfect tense + conditional perfect tense (would have + past participle) | To talk about two past actions that never happened | If you had stolen money, you would have been punished. |

**Practice**

**Activity 1**

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the conditional sentences.

Example: If I \_\_\_\_\_\_ stronger, I would help you carry the piano. (be)

If I **were** stronger, I would help you carry the piano.

1. If we meet at 9:30, we \_\_\_\_\_\_ plenty of time. (have)
2. Lisa would find the milk if she \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the refrigerator. (look)
3. The man would have punished her with a fine if she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the animals. (feed)
4. If you spoke louder, your classmates \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you. (understand)
5. Dan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ safe if he drove slowly. (arrive)
6. You \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ no trouble at school if you had done your homework. (have)
7. If you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in this river you will shiver from cold. (swim)
8. The door will unlock if you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the green button. (press)
9. If Mary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her teacher, he would have answered her questions. (ask)
10. I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the office if I were you. (call)

**Activity 2**

Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs in brackets to complete the conditional sentences.

Example: If I \_\_\_\_\_ (study), I \_\_\_\_\_ (pass) the exam.

Answer: If I study, I will pass the exam. If I had studied, I would have passed the exam.

1. If you (go) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ out with your friends tonight, I (watch) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the football match on TV.
2. I (earn) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of money if I (get) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that job.
3. If she (hurry/ not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we (miss) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the bus.
4. If he (try) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ harder, he (reach) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his goals.
5. I (buy) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those shoes if they (fit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
6. It (surprise/not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me if he (know/not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the answer.
7. If we (listen) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the radio, we (hear) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the news.
8. If you (switch) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on the lights, you (trip/not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ over the chair.
9. She (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to our party if she (be/not) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.
10. If I (go) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Kenema, I (visit) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Kamboi Hills.

**Activity 3**

Write five of your own conditional sentences.

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**Activity 1**

1. If we meetat 9:30, we **will have** plenty of time.
2. Lisa would find the milk if she **looked** in the fridge.
3. The man would have punishedher with a fine if she **had fed** the animals.
4. If you spokelouder, your classmates **would understand** you.
5. Dan **would arrive** safe if he drove slowly.
6. You **would have** no trouble at school if you had done your homework.
7. If you **swim** in this river you will shiver from cold.
8. The door will unlock if you **press** the green button.
9. If Mary **had asked** her teacher, he would have answeredher questions.
10. I **would call** the office if I were you.

**Activity 2**

Some sentences have more than one correct answer. Example answers:

1. If you **go** out with your friends tonight, I **will watch** the football match on TV.
2. I **will earn** a lot of money if I **get** that job.
3. If she **does not hurry** we **will** **miss** the bus.
4. If he **tried** harder, he **would reach** his goals.
5. I **would buy** those shoes if they **fit**.
6. It **would not surprise** me if he **did not know** the answer.
7. If we **had listened** to the radio, we **would have heard** the news.
8. If you **had switched** on the lights you **would not have tripped** over the chair.
9. She **would have come** to our party if she **had not been** on holiday.
10. If I **go** to Kenema, I **will visit** the Kamboi Hills.

**Activity 3**

Example sentences:

1. If I study hard, I will pass this year’s exam.
2. If I get money, I will buy a mobile phone.
3. If I won the lottery, I would be a millionaire.
4. I would visit Canada, if I could go anywhere in the world.
5. Ice melts if you heat it.