

Structured Input Activity

Instructions: Work with your partners to create your own structured-input activity following these steps.

- Choose a grammatical structure for the subject of your worksheet.
- Write some example sentences containing the structure where the meaning is obvious because of the context of the sentence.
- Be sure the target structures are highlighted (enriched input).
- Decide on a kind of response you can have students perform to help them process the structures.
- Remember you can include multiple stages to help students understand the meaning, then structure, and also to make a personal reaction.
- Write a title and instructions for your worksheet.
- When you finish, complete the checklist to evaluate your structured-input activity.

Need help? [CLICK HERE](#) to review some sample structured-input activities that Spanish as a foreign language teacher has used to help his/students process grammatical features of Spanish in a meaningful way. The source of this is at the bottom of this document if you want to read more.

Title: How to write conditionals

Instructions: Look at the following chart with the different kinds of conditionals. Then, log in to padlet.com to write some sample statements.

CONDITION

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RESULT

ZERO
conditional

If you stand in the rain, you get wet.
If you heat ice, it melts.

PRESENT SIMPLE

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USES: Facts which are generally true or scientific facts
The condition always has the same result

FIRST
conditional

If it rains, we will cancel the trip.
If you study, you will pass the exam.

PRESENT SIMPLE

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WILL / WON'T + VERB

USES: A possible situation in the future
Predicting a likely result in the future (if the condition happens)

SECOND
conditional

If I won the lottery, I would travel a lot.
If they sold their house, they would be rich.

PAST SIMPLE

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WOULD + VERB

USES: Hypothetical or unlikely situations
Unreal or improbable situation now or in the future

THIRD
conditional

If you had studied, you would have passed the exam.
If I hadn't been sick, I would have gone to your party.

PAST PERFECT

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WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE

USES: The person is imagining a different past
Imaginary situation that did not happen

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Conditionals

Write some examples for each case.

Zero Conditional	First Conditional	Second Conditional	Third Conditional
Simple present, simple present	Simple present, will + verb	Simple past, would + verb	Past perfect, would have + participle
If I study, I learn.	If it rains, I will stay at home.	If I won the lottery, I would go around the world.	If I had worked, I would have gone to Spain
If you study, you pass a exam	If I don't work I won't get money		If you had prepared, you would have a better job
If I work, I get money	If I make more money I will buy a house	If I had a lot of money, I would travel around the world.	If I hadn't studied business, I would have studied Law
If I don't sleep I feel tired all day	If it is a warm day, we will go to the beach	If I worked, I would travel	If I had know you were in hospital, I would have visited you.
	If I work, I will buy a house	If I studied, I would get better chances in the life	
		If I won the competition, I would save the money	

Does your worksheet contain these essential features of a structured-input activity?	Yes	No
The worksheet includes enriched input with examples of the target structure marked for students to notice.	X	
The worksheet requires students to process the input in multiple ways: understand the meaning of the example, notice the form and function of the grammar, and identify errors.	X	
The worksheet gives students the opportunity to make a personal response to relate the input to their lives.	X	
The exercises students complete in the worksheet have a “correct” answer that can be checked by the teacher.	X	

Now, get ready to share the following with the rest of the class.

- What is a structured-input activity and what are its features?
- Show us your worksheet.
- How does your task fulfill these features?

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