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## Conditional Chain Game

In this game, students make real and unreal (first and second) conditional sentences in a chain format. The conclusion of one conditional sentence is made the condition of a new sentence.

### Procedure

Sit the students in a circle.

Choose one of the conditional clauses, real or unreal, from the lists below. Read the if clause aloud or write it on the board.

The first student makes a conditional sentence by repeating the if clause and adding a conclusion. The next student makes a new sentence by changing the first student's conclusion into an if clause and adding a new conclusion.

### Example:

Teacher: If Tony took a holiday...

Student 1: If Tony took a holiday, he would go to London.

Student 2: If Tony went to London, he would visit the London Eye.

Student 3: If Tony visited the London Eye, he would take a photograph.

For younger learners, a ball can be used in the circle. Once a student gives an if clause, they throw the ball to another student, who adds the conclusion.

Additional game elements can be added by limiting the time each student has to give a correct conclusion. Set a time limit of five seconds. If a student cannot come up with an answer within the time limit, or if they make an error, they are out of the game. Also, after a student gives a conclusion, the teacher can ask the other students if they want to challenge the sentence. If a student challenges a correct sentence, they drop out. If they challenge an incorrect sentence, the student who made the error drops out. If no one challenges an incorrect answer, the teacher corrects the sentence, but the student who made the error stays in the game.

### Real Conditional Clauses

If Tony gets a job as an English teacher, ...

If Tony takes a trip to Tibet, ...

If Tony's joins the army, ...

If Tony enters a race, ...

If Tony finds \$100, ...

### Unreal Conditional Clauses

If Tony could travel through time, ...

If Tony met aliens from outer space, ...

If Tony could make himself invisible, ...

If a magician changed Tony into an elephant, ...

If Tony were telepathic, ...