

ACTIVITY SHEET

EPISODE 14: JUNK DNA

ACTIVITY 1

Match the two halves of each sentence, and indicate to which conditional type the sentence belongs, i.e. whether it is zero, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>.

a. If Susan trains hard every day	1. more people would use it
b. Company profits increase	2. if the company had invested in the project
c. If scientist had found a cure	3. the board always reassesses its position
d. The results would reflect the change	4. it will be worth the effort to investigate
e. If the government is serious about reducing pollution	5. if sales had been higher
f. If the transport system was more reliable	6. she will make the Olympic team
g. Their profits would have doubled	7. when banks reduce interest rates
h. If the prices increase dramatically	8. the people would not have died of those diseases
i. If the investment grows at 10% per annum	9. If the researcher analysed the data more carefully
j. The company would have invested in the technology	10. they should ban smoking in public places



## ACTIVITY 2

Consolidate your learning about conditional sentences and practise forming either the zero, first, second or third conditional by selecting the correct verb tense to complete the sentences below.

**Question 1:** If I had been able to work overseas, I \_\_\_\_\_ the experience required for the job.

**Answer:**

- a. would have gained
- b. would gain
- c. gained

**Question 2:** If the competitor \_\_\_\_\_ its new product, the marketing team would have reached its goal in the last quarter.

**Answer:**

- a. has not launched
- b. had not launched
- c. would launch

**Question 3:** It might help his prospects, if he \_\_\_\_\_ the time with the career counsellor.

**Answer:**

- a. would have spent
- b. will spend
- c. spent

**Question 4:** The students \_\_\_\_\_ more productive, if they work in bright, large classrooms.

**Answer:**

- a. have been
- b. would have been
- c. are

**Question 5:** If the workers go on strike, the train services \_\_\_\_\_ disrupted.

**Answer:**

- a. will be
- b. would have been
- c. have been



**Question 6:** The project would have been viable, if the overhead costs \_\_\_\_\_.

- Answer:**
- a. are reduced
  - b. had been reduced
  - c. would be

**Question 7:** If the quality of air \_\_\_\_\_ further, the government will commission an environmental impact study.

- Answer:**
- a. deteriorates
  - b. would have deteriorated
  - c. deteriorated

**Question 8:** The company \_\_\_\_\_ satisfactorily, if the team had had a strategy in place.

- Answer:**
- a. had progressed
  - b. would have progressed
  - c. will progress

**Question 9:** If inflation decreases, possibilities for employment \_\_\_\_\_ enormously.

- Answer:**
- a. will have increased
  - b. increased
  - c. increase

**Question 10:** If I were you, I \_\_\_\_\_ for the mistake.

- Answer:**
- a. would apologise
  - b. will apologise
  - c. apologise



## ANSWERS ACTIVITY 1

a. If Susan trains hard every day <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	6. she will make the Olympic team
b. Company profits increase <b>zero conditional</b>	7. when banks reduce interest rates
c. If scientist had found a cure <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	8. the people would not have died of those diseases
d. The results would reflect the change <b>2<sup>nd</sup> conditional</b>	9. If the researcher analysed the data more carefully
e. If the government is serious about reducing pollution <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	10. they should ban smoking in public places
f. If the transport system was more reliable <b>2<sup>nd</sup> conditional</b>	1. more people would use it
g. Their profits would have doubled <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	2. if the company had invested in the project
h. If the prices increase dramatically <b>zero conditional</b>	3. the board always reassesses its position
i. If the investment grows at 10% per annum <b>1<sup>st</sup> conditional</b>	4. it will be worth the effort to investigate
j. The company would have invested in the technology <b>3<sup>rd</sup> conditional</b>	5. if sales had been higher

ANSWERS ACTIVITY 2

1. If I had been able to work overseas, I **(a) would have gained** the experience required for the job.
2. If the competitor **(b) had not launched** its new product, the marketing team would have reached its goal in the last quarter.
3. It might help his prospects, if he **(c) spent** the time with the career counsellor.
4. The students **(c) are** more productive, if they work in bright, large classrooms.
5. If the workers go on strike, the train services **(a) will be** disrupted.
6. The project would have been viable, if the overhead costs **(b) had been reduced**.
7. If the quality of air **(a) deteriorates** further, the government will commission an environmental impact study.
8. The company **(b) would have progressed** satisfactorily, if the team had had a strategy in place.
9. If inflation decreases, possibilities for employment **(c) increase** enormously.
10. If I were you, I **(a) would apologise** for the mistake.