

Worksheet 4J – Conditional Tense & Practice

Grammar Tip: We use the conditional tense to express the feeling of future uncertainty. In English, we use the word *would* + *verb*. For example: *I would work but I'm too tired*. Sentences that use the conditional followed by an *if* clause will be avoided here because it requires the use of the subjunctive tense which we have not learned yet. Most verbs are regular in the conditional tense. To form the conditional, use the infinitive as the stem and add the conditional ending as shown in the table below.

Instructions: Study the chart below and memorize how to form the conditional tense. Then practice using the conditional tense by translating the short sentences below into Spanish. The answers are shown in the **Answer Key** at the back of the workbook.

CONDITIONAL TENSE				
	ENDING	FELICITAR (to congratulate)	PROTEGER (to protect)	IR (to go)
Yo	-ía	<i>felicitaría</i>	<i>protegería</i>	<i>iría</i>
Tú	-ías	<i>felicitarías</i>	<i>protegerías</i>	<i>irías</i>
Usted / Él / Ella	-ía	<i>felicitaría</i>	<i>protegería</i>	<i>iría</i>
Nosotros / Nosotras	-íamos	<i>felicitaríamos</i>	<i>protegeríamos</i>	<i>iríamos</i>
Ustedes / Ellos / Ellas	-ían	<i>felicitarían</i>	<i>protegerían</i>	<i>irían</i>

1. I would wait, but I don't have time.

2. You would buy food at that store, but it is too expensive.

3. We would show the boys how to play, but we don't know the rules (*las reglas*).

4. She would kiss the frog, but he is ugly.

5. They would go to the ranch, but it is far.

6. You would protect me, but you are weak.

7. I would congratulate you, but it is not your birthday.

8. The storekeeper would sell me the seeds, but he already sold them.
