

Conditionals with songs

Introduction

- **Level:** B2
- **Skills:** Listening
- **Topics:** Grammar (Zero conditional, First conditional, Second conditional, Third conditional, Mixed Conditionals)

The enigma

- **Keywords**

Songs, Conditionals

- **Toolbox**

Speaker or any device to display videos from the internet

- **Description of the enigma**

This enigma provides examples of songs with different forms of conditionals and text to fill according to the lyrics. Once the students fill the sentences, they have to count the number of letters which will give them a code.

You can even use all 4 songs and create a longer code with all the answers put together!

Enigma: how many letters in the word that is repeated?

Zero conditional: 'Rain' by The Beatles

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cK5G8fPmWeA> from start to 00:29

'If the rain _____
They run and hide their heads
They might as well be dead
If the rain _____, If the rain _____'

Answer: reads = 5



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First conditional: 'Bad Guy' by Billie Eilish

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DyDfgMOUjCI> from 1:43

'My mommy likes to sing along with me
But she won't sing this song
If she _____ all the lyrics
She'll pity the men I know'

Answer: reads = 5

Second conditional: 'Grenade' by Bruno Mars

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SR6iYWJxHqs> from 00:35

'Oh, oh, I _____ go through all this pain
Take a bullet straight through my brain
Yes, I _____ die for ya, baby
But you _____ do the same

Answer: would, would, won't = 14

Third conditional: 'Should've Said No' by Taylor Swift

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9bxXO9fj98> from 1:00

"You should've _____ that word, about what you did with her, _____ get
back to me"

Answer: known, would = 10



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Hints

If players find the correct word but not the correct number, tell them to count the number of characters they had to write.

More information

Possible restrictions

Students with **hearing impairments** could have trouble to understand part of the lyrics. If the majority of your players have hearing impairments, this enigma could block the experience.

Other usages

Also, you could use this enigma as a reading comprehension where players would have to find the conditional verbs and count the letters.

