

Lecture Outline: Spanish Conditional Tense

| <u>Conditional Tense</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• add conditional tense verb endings to the infinitive form of the verb• some verbs are irregular (like tener) <u>Used to express:</u>• actions that would have happened given/depending on a particular condition• polite request• English conditional tense uses the word “would” with another verb• The imperfect tense in Spanish is used when describing an action that occurred on a regular basis. (NOT the conditional tense) | <u>Verb Endings</u> | |
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| | yo | -ía |
| | tú | - ías |
| | usted, él, ella | - ía |
| | nosotros, nosotras | - íamos |
| | ustedes, ellos, ellas | - ían |

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| I thought he would arrive today. <i>(Yo) pensaba que (él) llegaría hoy.</i> (conditional tense) | |
| We didn't know he'd have to go. <i>No sabíamos que (él) tendría que ir.</i> (conditional tense) | |
| Would you please study tonight? <i>¿Estudiarías esta noche, por favor?</i> (conditional tense) | |
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| <i>Action that occurred on a regular basis in the past:</i> They used to read every day. They would read every day. <i>IMPERFECT TENSE: Leían todos los días.</i> | |