

SESSION 5

PRACTICING LINGUISTIC COMMUNICATIVE SKILL: READING, WRITING, TRANSLATION, VOCABULARY AND PRONUNCIATION

I. CONTENTS:

1. Time Contrast: PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE.
2. Conditional sentences with IF.
3. Gerunds in short responses.
4. Clauses with BECAUSE.
5. Passive Voice.
6. Simple Past and Past Continuous.
7. Present Perfect Continuous.

II. OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the SESSION, students:

- Will add to their writings and conversations all the facts known until now, with the purpose of enrich their vocabulary and improve their oral expression.
- Will know how to use the clauses with IF and BECAUSE and when to use them.
- Will be able to enlist the verbs in the subjunctive form.
- Will use and recognize the passive voice.

III. DISCUSSION:

Discuss the questions with your teacher and choose the most interesting ideas.

- In Spanish what endings show us the present, past and future in a sentence?
- How do you structure a sentence using the conditional in Spanish?
- How do you express agreement and disagreement?
- In what way do you express a sentence with a reason or cause (examples)?
- In what cases do we use the passive voice?

IV. DEMONSTRATING YOUR COMPETENCE:

1.1. Time Contrast: PRESENT, PAST AND FUTURE.

Tell a history, in three different times, use the simple present, the simple past and the simple future -going to-.

Past	Present	Future

Tell a history, in three different times, use the present tense -am, is and are-, the past tense -was/were- and the future tense -will be-.

Past	Present	Future

2.1. Conditional sentences with IF.

Put the verbs on the line. Form a Conditional sentence - type I. Only use the future -will- in the main clauses.

- 1) If I _____ (to study), I _____ (to pass) the exams.
- 2) If the sun _____ (to shine), _____ we (to walk) to the town.
- 3) If he _____ (to have) fever, he _____ (to see) the doctor.
- 4) If my friends _____ (to come), I _____ (to be) very happy.
- 5) If she _____ (to earn) a lot of money, she _____ (to fly) to New York.
- 6) If we _____ (to travel) to London, we _____ (to visit) the museums.
- 7) If you _____ (to wear) sandals in the mountains, you _____ (to slip) on the rocks.
- 8) If Rita _____ (to forget) her homework, the teacher _____ (to give) her a low mark
- 9) If they _____ (to go) to the disco, they _____ (to listen) to loud music
- 10) If you _____ (to wait) a minute, I _____ (to ask) my parents.

3.1. Gerunds in short responses.

Look at the following sentences. Choose the correct response from the expression below.

1. I am going home now.
 So am I Neither am I So are I _____
2. I can't go out tonight.
 I can't So can I Neither can I _____
3. They don't like skiing.
 So does he Neither do we Neither like them _____
4. Actually, we've never been to Sydney.
 Neither have we Neither were we So were we _____
5. They aren't leaving until Sunday.
 Neither are she Neither are we So is she _____
6. Sarah doesn't want to go to church on Sunday.
 Neither can I Neither are we Neither does her mom _____
7. I really want to see a movie this weekend!
 So does Chris So do Tom Neither do we _____
8. My husband can speak three languages.
 So do my mother So does my mother So can my mother _____
9. Oh no! It's raining and I don't have my umbrella with me.
 Neither do I So do I Neither does you _____
10. I'm really cold right now.
 So are she So am I So will I _____
11. This computer's not working.
 So is that one Neither is that one Neither is her one _____
12. Cathy says she doesn't feel very well.
 Neither does Tony Neither do her aunt Neither can her aunt _____

4.1. Clauses with BECAUSE.

Complete the next statements use personal information.

1. I wouldn't want to be an/a _____ because I don't like _____

2. I'd like to be a/an _____ because I really like _____

3. I could never be a/an _____ because I'm very _____

4. I would make a bad _____ because I'm terrible _____

5. I could be a/an _____ because I'm very _____

Select a clause that can replace the because-clause if it is possible. Make sure the subject of both sentences is the same.

1. Because a bird needs a safe place to lay its eggs, a bird builds a nest.
 Needing A bird needing
2. Because a bird has laid its eggs, a bird will sit on them to keep them warm.
 A bird having laid Having laid
3. Because de eggs require warmth, the birds' mother surrounds them with a feathery lining of her own feathers.
 Requiring Eggs requiring
4. Because the birds are growing rapidly, the little birds are constantly hungry.
 Growing The birds growing
5. Because they are good parents, the birds fly around in search of food to feed their little birds.
 Having been good Being good
6. Because they are so hungry, the little birds 'chirp' constantly.
 Having been Being
7. Because they are searching for food, the baby birds get lots to eat.
 Searching Because searching
8. Because they grow rapidly, the young birds soon leave the nest.
 Having grown Growing Being grown
9. Because they are natural fliers, birds learn to take short flights after a couple of tries.
 Being Having being
10. Because they have spent so much time in their parents' protection, baby birds are often victims of larger prey.
 Being spent Having spent

5.1. Passive Voice.

Rewrite the sentences using Passive voice.

Example: Peter writes a letter. Answer: A letter is written or A letter is written by Peter.

- 1) Julia rescued three cats. _____
- 2) The students handed in the reports. _____
- 3) Maria crashed into the blue car. _____
- 4) Alex learned the poem. _____
- 5) Steven has forgotten the book. _____
- 6) The technician has not repaired the DVD recorder. _____
- 7) They play handball. _____

8) Sue puts the rucksack on the floor. _____

9) The girls had lost the match. _____

10) The teacher is not going to open the window. _____

Rewrite the given sentences in Passive voice. Sometimes there are two possible answers (two objects in the active sentence). Do not use contracted/short forms. Example: Tim gave Lisa some flowers. Answer: Some flowers were given to Lisa by Tim or Lisa was given some flowers by Tim.

1) They don't speak English in this shop. _____

2) Kevin asked Dennis a question. _____

3) Somebody built the house last year. _____

4) She gives him a box. _____

5) Max will look after him. _____

6) The waiter brought Fred a big steak. _____

7) Somebody broke into our bungalow last Friday. _____

8) The teacher told us a joke. _____

9) They will meet Doris at the station. _____

10) Michael has not sent me a text message. _____

6.1. Simple Past and Past Continuous.

Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate tenses.

1. A: What (you, do) _____ when the accident occurred?

B: I (try) _____ to change a light bulb that had burned out.

2. After I (find) _____ the wallet full of money, I (go, immediately) _____ to the police and (turn) _____ it in.

3. The doctor (say) _____ that Tom (be) _____ too sick to go to work and that he (need) _____ to stay at home for a couple of days.

4. Sebastian (arrive) _____ at Susan's house a little before 9:00 PM, but she (be, not) _____ there. She (study, at the library) _____ for her final examination in French.

5. Sandy is in the living room watching television. At this time yesterday, she (also, watch) _____ television. That's all she ever does!

6. A: I (call) _____ you last night after dinner, but you (be, not) _____ there. Where were you?

B: I (work) _____ out at the fitness center.

7. When I (walk) _____ into the busy office, the secretary (talk) _____ on the phone with a customer, several clerks (work, busily) _____ at their desks, and two managers (discuss, quietly) _____ methods to improve customer service.

8. I (watch) _____ a mystery movie on TV when the electricity went out. Now I am never going to find out how the movie ends.

9. Sharon (be) _____ in the room when John told me what happened, but she didn't hear anything because she (listen, not) _____.

10. It's strange that you (call) _____ because I (think, just) _____ about you.
 11. The Titanic (cross) _____ the Atlantic when it (strike) _____ an iceberg.
 12. When I entered the bazaar, a couple of merchants (bargain, busily) _____ and (try) _____ to sell their goods to naive tourists who (hunt) _____ for souvenirs. Some young boys (lead) _____ their donkeys through the narrow streets on their way home. A couple of men (argue) _____ over the price of a leather belt. I (walk) _____ over to a man who (sell) _____ fruit and (buy) _____ a banana.
 13. The firemen (rescue) _____ the old woman who (be) _____ trapped on the third floor of the burning building.
 14. She was so annoying! She (leave, always) _____ her dirty dishes in the sink. I think she (expect, actually) _____ me to do them for her.
 15. Samantha (live) _____ in Berlin for more than two years. In fact, she (live) _____ there when the Berlin Wall came down.

7.1. Present Perfect Continuous

Choose the answer you think is correct. In some examples two answers may be possible but one is more natural than the other. This natural one is the correct answer.

1. I'm very hungry. I _____ all day.
 didn't eat haven't ate haven't eaten have been eating
2. Their new kitchen looks fantastic. They _____ completely _____ it.
 Have / been redecorating have / redecorated already / redecorated didn't / redecorated
3. Our kitchen's a mess. We _____ any cleaning for weeks.
 didn't do haven't been doing have done haven't done
4. I think they are dating. They _____ a lot of each other recently.
 had seen haven't been seeing have been seeing have seen
5. We've discovered this great café and we _____ there a lot.
 have been going have gone are going have went
6. How's your Mom? I _____ her for ages.
 had seen haven't seen haven't been seeing didn't see
7. You're covered in paint! What _____ you _____?
 have / done were / doing did / do have / been doing
8. She's gone to the doctor's. She _____ too well lately.
 hasn't felt hasn't been feeling has felt doesn't feel
9. Where have you been? I _____ for ages.
 have waited waited was waiting have been waiting
10. I have to write an essay. I _____ about half of it so far.
 have written have been writing wrote have to write