

High school (ages 14+)



JACK Y LOS FRIJOLES MÁGICOS

TheFableCottage.com after-reading
activities

Directions

Print this packet out after you read **Jack y Los Frijoles Mágicos** at TheFableCottage.com.

In this story we've added details and descriptions to help you learn Spanish.

Learning objectives

The activities in this packet will help you practice these things from the story:

1. Hypotheticals (expressing something that could or might happen)
2. Parts of a house
3. Money and prices

AFTER-READING ACTIVITY

Hypotheticals — Saying what could happen *if...*

DIRECTIONS: Sometimes you want to talk about what could/might (hypothetically) happen, but it is not guaranteed. Each language has a special way of talking about events that are not certain. You heard a lot of these kinds of sentences in **Jack y Los Frijoles Mágicos**:

“If I had that money, I could fix our house!”

If I had that hen, I could buy fifty cows!”

- 1. Research how to talk about hypothetical events in Spanish.** How do you know when someone is talking about something uncertain? What does the sentence structure sound like? How do the verbs change? (Hint: this is called the “*second conditional*” — start your research there!)
- 2. Listen to Jack y Los Frijoles Mágicos again.** This time, stop each time you hear Jack talking about what could or might happen, and write the translation in the chart below.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
“If I had that money, I could fix our house!”	
“If I had that hen, I could buy fifty cows!”	
If he could find the giant, he could also apologize for being so greedy.	

AFTER-READING ACTIVITY

If I were rich

DIRECTIONS: (Note: We recommend finishing the “Hypotheticals” activity before doing this one.)

What would you do if you were really, really rich? Would you get greedy like Jack? Would you buy a cow? Finish the two sentences in the chart below to say **two** things you would do if you were rich. Write what you would do in English, and then use what you’ve learned about conditional sentences to translate it into Spanish.

You will probably need to look up some new words or verbs to finish these sentences.

ENGLISH	SPANISH
If I had that money, I could...	
If I were rich, I could...	

AFTER-READING ACTIVITY

Letter to charity: Help Jack's mother get the house fixed

DIRECTIONS: Let's help Jack's mother. **In Spanish**, write a letter from Jack's mother to a charity that can help fix her house. In the letter, be sure to describe the problems with the house and the family's troubles.

(Hint: If you need help, read the story again at TheFableCottage.com. You should be able to pull most of your letter directly from the story! However, you might need to research how to start and end a polite letter in Spanish.)