

## 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 und die Bohnenranke**:

*“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 German.** 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 und die Bohnenranke 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	GERMAN
“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.	