

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 et les Haricots Magiques**:

“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 French.** 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 et les Haricots Magiques 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	FRENCH
“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.	