Fact or What-If

Sort verb moods by the meaning they show.

8.L.GC.1.58 "Usage: Use tenses and aspects to indicate the mood of a verb. (Introduce)"

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INDICATIVE MOOD

Use FACT for a verb that states something as real or certain. This is the indicative mood.

The comet appears at dusk.

CONDITIONAL MOOD

Use CONDITION for a verb that tells what would, could, or might happen in a certain situation. This is conditional mood.

Had the lantern held fuel, it might have glowed.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle FACT or CONDITION for each sentence, then choose two items and explain which verb clues helped you sort them.

1.	The museum opens at nine each Saturday.	FACT CONDITION
2.	We would hike the ridge if the trail were dry.	FACT CONDITION
3.	If I had more time, I would learn Italian.	FACT CONDITION
4.	Our class completed the lab yesterday.	FACT CONDITION
5.	The dancers have practiced since August.	FACT CONDITION
6.	Lena will present her report tomorrow.	FACT CONDITION
7.	The team would celebrate if it won the final.	FACT CONDITION
8.	The river is rising after the storm.	FACT CONDITION

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new FACT sentence and one new CONDITION sentence.

FACT _____

CONDITION _____

CHALLENGE

Write a two-sentence situation: first state a fact, then state what would happen under a condition. Underline the conditional verb phrase.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The museum opens at nine each Saturday.	**FACT**	States a regular event as real.
2	We would hike the ridge if the trail were dry.	**CONDITION**	Would hike depends on the trail being dry.
3	If I had more time, I would learn Italian.	**CONDITION**	Would learn depends on having more time.
4	Our class completed the lab yesterday.	**FACT**	States a completed event as real.
5	The dancers have practiced since August.	**FACT**	States an ongoing action as real.
6	Lena will present her report tomorrow.	**FACT**	States a future event as expected or real.
7	The team would celebrate if it won the final.	**CONDITION**	Would celebrate depends on winning the final.
8	The river is rising after the storm.	**FACT**	States a current action as real.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **FACT**: Snow covers the field in January.
- **CONDITION**: If the key fit, the door would open.

Challenge: The library closes at six. If it stayed open later, I would finish my research there.

Items 1, 4, 5, 6, and 8 are FACT. Items 2, 3, and 7 are CONDITION. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a real statement or a result that depends on a condition.