

Ecuador's Regions, Grammar (Conditionals), History & Modern Issues



- Which regions does Ecuador have?
- What do you know about Coast, Highlands, Amazon, and Galápagos regions?
- Can you name a famous place in each region?
- What is the climate like in each region?

2. Grammar Focus: Zero and First Conditionals (10 minutes)

Conditional	Structure	Example	Use
Zero	If + present, present	If it rains, the rainforest floods.	General truths, facts
First	If + present, will + verb	If tourists visit the Galápagos, they will see giant tortoises.	Real future possibilities

Activity:

Complete the condition with the result:

1. If people throw garbage in rivers,...
2. If tourists go to the Amazon,...
3. If we cut down all the trees,...
4. If the weather is good tomorrow,...

3. Reading & Discussion: “Arrival of the Spanish Explorers”

Text Excerpt (simplified, 120–150 words):

In the 16th century, Spanish explorers arrived in what is now Ecuador. They came in search of gold and new lands. They met indigenous groups like the Quito and Cañari. Many people resisted colonization, but the Spanish had advanced weapons. The Inca Empire had just reached the area, and the Spanish took advantage of the internal conflicts. Over time, the Spanish established cities like Quito and Cuenca. Their arrival changed the local economy, religion, and culture forever.

Comprehension Questions:

1. Why did the Spanish come to Ecuador?
2. What groups did they meet?
3. What happened to the Inca Empire?
4. What cities did they found?

4. Speaking: Conditional Conversations (10 minutes)

Objective: Use grammar in context, connected to tourism and environment.

Pair Activity – Practice Dialogue Examples:

- A: If tourists drop plastic in the Galápagos, what will happen?
- B: The animals will eat it and get sick.
- A: What happens if you visit the Amazon?
- B: You see many different species of birds and monkeys.

5. Writing & Reflection: “Ecuador Today” (10 minutes)

Objective: Reflect on economic and environmental issues using conditionals.

Instructions:

Write 3 sentences about economic or environmental problems in Ecuador using zero and first conditionals.

Examples:

- If people cut down trees in the Amazon, animals lose their homes. (Zero)
- If the oil industry continues to expand, it will damage the environment. (First)
- If tourists support local businesses, the economy will grow. (First)

Class Work with the formative research group.

- Research one region of Ecuador and write 5 facts (location, food, famous site, environmental issue, activities to do).
- Use at least two conditionals in your writing.