

Lesson 39:

Conditional Markers

-NGE- and -NGALI-

Conditional Markers [wakati tegemezi]

A). The Conditional Marker -NGE-

-NGE- is a prefix that is used in verbs to express a condition that can still be realized.

-NGE- expressions have two parts:

- the condition
- the consequence

Mfano:

- *the condition:* U-**nge**-wa-ona, [If you were to see them,]
- *the consequence:* u-**nge**-wa-penda. [you would like them.]

Sentensi:

1. Tun**gew**wakuta w**an**gekula maembe.
[If we were to find them, they would eat mangoes.]
2. Nin**ge**kaa Florida nin**ge**kula machungwa.
[If I were to live in Florida, I would eat oranges.]
3. Nin**ge**ishi Chicago nin**ge**ona theluji.
[If I were to live in Chicago, I would see snow.]
4. Nin**ges**soma Kiswahili nin**ge**enda Kenya.
[If I were to study Kiswahili, I would go to Kenya.]
5. Un**ge**ona televisheni un**ge**lala mapema.
[If you were to watch television, you would go to sleep early.]
6. Nin**ge**cheza nin**ge**choka.
[If I were to play, I would be tired.]
7. Nin**ge**ishi Kentucky nin**ge**kula Kentucky Fried Chicken.
[If I were to live in Kentucky, I would eat Kentucky Fried Chicken.]

B). The Regret Marker -NGALI-

-**NGALI**- is a prefix that is used in verbs to express a condition that can no longer be realized (too late).

-**NGALI**- expressions have two parts:

- the event or act no longer possible
- the result too late to come true

Mfano:

- *event no longer possible*: U-**ngali**-wa-ona [If you had seen them,]
- *result too late to come true*: u-**ngali**-wa-penda. [you would have liked them.]

Sentensi:

1. **Tungali**wakuta wangali**kula** maembe.
[If we had found them, they would have eaten mangoes.]
2. **Ningali**kaa Florida ningali**kula** machungwa.
[If I had lived in Florida, I would have eaten oranges.]
3. **Ningali**iishi Chicago ningali**iona** theluji.
[If I had lived in Chicago, I would have seen snow.]
4. **Ningali**soma Kiswahili ningali**ienda** Kenya.
[If I had studied Kiswahili, I would have gone to Kenya.]
5. **Ungali**ona televisheni **ungali**lala mapema.
[If you had watched television, you would have gone to sleep early.]
6. **Ningali**cheza ningali**choka**.
[If I had played/danced, I would have been tired.]
7. **Ningali**iishi Kentucky ningali**kula** Kentucky Fried Chicken.
[If I had lived in Kentucky, I would have eaten Kentucky Fried Chicken.]

Zingatia [Note]

Both -**NGE**- and -**NGALI**- forms are used interchangeably for both the events/acts that can still be realized and those that are no longer possible.

NEGATION OF -NGE- AND -NGALI-

The negation of **-NGE-** and **-NGALI-** is done by inserting **-SI-**

A). The Negation of -NGE-

1. U-si-nge-wa-ona u-si-nge-wa-penda.

[If you were not to see them, you would not like them.]

2. Nisingekaa Florida nisingekula machungwa.

[If I were not to live in Florida, I would not eat oranges.]

3. Nisingeishi Chicago nisingeona theluji.

[If I were not to live in Chicago, I would not see snow.]

4. Nisingesoma Kiswahili nisingeenda Kenya.

[If I were not to study Kiswahili, I would not go to Kenya.]

5. Usingeona televisheni usingelala mapema.

[If you were not to watch television, you would not go to sleep early.]

6. Nisingecheza nisingechoka.

[If I were not to play, I would not be tired.]

7. Nisingeishi Kentucky nisingekula Kentucky Fried Chicken.

[If I were not to live in Kentucky, I would not eat Kentucky Fried Chicken.]

B). The Negation of -NGALI-

1. U-si-ngali-mw-ona u-si-ngali-m-penda.

[Had you not seen him/her, you would not have liked him/her.]

2. Nisingalikaa Florida nisingalikula machungwa.

[If I had not lived in Florida, I would not have eaten oranges.]

3. Nisingaliishi Chicago nisingaliona theluji.

[If I had not lived in Chicago, I would not have seen snow.]

4. Nisingalisoma Kiswahili nisingalienda Kenya.

[If I had not studied Kiswahili, I would not have gone to Kenya.]

5. Unsingaliona televisheni unsingalilala mapema.

[If I had not watched television, I would not have gone to sleep early.]

6. Nisingalicheza nisingalichoka.

[If I had not played, I would not have been tired.]

7. Nisingaliishi Kentucky nisingalikula Kentucky Fried Chicken.

[If I had not lived in Kentucky, I would not have eaten Kentucky Fried Chicken.]