Third & Mixed Conditionals

Grammar practice · B2 · Answers on the last page.

THE RULE

Third conditional — an imagined past (often regret):
If + past perfect, would have + past participle.
If she had left earlier, she would have caught the train.

Mixed: past → present If + past perfect, would + infinitive.
If I had saved money, I would be on holiday now.

Mixed: present → past If + past simple, would have + past participle.
If I were more organised, I wouldn't have missed the meeting.

would → could / might for ability or possibility.

1 Third conditional — put the verbs in the correct form.

1 If I _____ (know) you were coming, I _____ (cook) dinner.

2 She _____ (pass) the exam if she _____ (study) harder.

3 If they _____ (leave) earlier, they _____ (not miss) the flight.

4 We _____ (win) if the referee _____ (not make) that mistake.

5 If you _____ (tell) me, I _____ (help) you.

6 He _____ (not get) ill if he _____ (wear) a coat.

2 Mixed conditionals — put the verbs in the correct form.

1 If I _____ (take) that job last year, I _____ (be) a manager now.

2 She _____ (not be) so tired today if she _____ (go) to bed earlier.

3 If he _____ (be) more careful, he _____ (not have) that accident yesterday.

4 I _____ (understand) the lesson yesterday if I _____ (be) better at maths.

5 If they _____ (not be) so stubborn, they _____ (solve) it long ago.

3 Choose the correct option.

1 If I had seen you, I (would say / would have said) hello.

2 If she had studied medicine, she (would be / would have been) a doctor now.

3 If he weren't so lazy, he (would have finished / would finish) the project yesterday.

4 We would have gone if you (had invited / invited) us.

5 If I had won the lottery, I (wouldn't be / wouldn't have been) working now.

6 They would have helped if they (had / would have) known.

4 Rewrite each situation as a conditional sentence.

1 *I didn't bring an umbrella, so I got wet.*

2 *She isn't organised, so she missed the deadline.*

3 *We took the wrong road, so we're lost now.*

4 *He didn't save money, so he can't travel now.*

5 *You didn't listen, so you made a mistake.*

5 Find and correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 *If I would have known, I would have come.*

2 *She would passed the test if she had revised.*

3 *If they hadn't been late, they will have caught the train.*

4 *If I had taken that job, I would been rich now.*

Soluciones

Answer key.

1 · Third conditional

1 had known / would have cooked 2 would have passed / had studied 3 had left / wouldn't have missed
4 would have won / hadn't made 5 had told / would have helped 6 wouldn't have got / had worn

2 · Mixed conditionals

1 had taken / would be 2 wouldn't be / had gone 3 were / wouldn't have had
4 would have understood / were 5 weren't / would have solved

3 · Choose

1 would have said 2 would be 3 would have finished 4 had invited 5 wouldn't be 6 had

4 · Rewrite as a conditional

1 If I had brought an umbrella, I wouldn't have got wet.
2 If she were organised, she wouldn't have missed the deadline.
3 If we hadn't taken the wrong road, we wouldn't be lost now.
4 If he had saved money, he could travel now.
5 If you had listened, you wouldn't have made a mistake.

5 · Error correction

1 If I had known, I would have come. 2 She would have passed the test if she had revised.
3 … they would have caught the train. 4 … I would be rich now.