

Third Conditional

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Grammar Notes

THIRD CONDITIONAL

A. Introduction to Conditionals

Conditionals are used to express a *hypothetical* situation. This is when you don't know if something will happen or not, so you make a guess about what the result might be. There are four conditional patterns in the English language, and they usually involve an "if" clause. This lesson will focus on the **third conditional**, also known as the **past conditional**.

B. The Third Conditional

Pattern: If + had + p.p., would + have + p.p.

Use: The third conditional expresses a **past regret** or shows a **different outcome** that would have happened if a certain condition had been met.

Form

Need help remembering the third conditional pattern? Think of it like this:

The verb in the *if clause* is a **past perfect** verb (had + the past participle form of the verb), while the verb in the *main clause* follows the **past modal** pattern (modal + have + the past participle form of the verb).

Examples

Sentences	Condition	Outcome	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I had arrived on time, no one would have stared at me as I walked in. No one would have stared at me as I walked in if I had arrived on time. 	not arriving on time	people staring at me	I was late and everyone stared at me as I walked in.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you had brought your jacket, you would not have been so cold last night. You would not have been so cold last night if you had brought your jacket. 	not bringing a jacket	being cold	You were cold because you didn't bring a jacket.



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Examples cont.			
Sentences	Condition	Outcome	Explanation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If they had not missed the bus, they would have gotten* to work on time. They would have gotten to work on time if they had not missed the bus. 	missing the bus	not arriving at work on time	They missed the bus and were late for work.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Andrew had not broken his leg, he would not have missed the dance. Andrew would not have missed the dance if he had not broken his leg. 	breaking a leg	missing the dance	He missed the dance because he broke his leg.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I 'd remembered your birthday, I would've bought** you a present. I would've bought you a present if I 'd remembered your birthday. 	forgetting a birthday	not buying a present	I didn't buy you a present because I forgot your birthday.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If Maya hadn't caught a cold, she would've come over after school. Maya would've come over after school if she hadn't caught a cold. 	catching a cold	not coming over	She didn't come over because she was sick.

*Note 1

Some verbs have more than one acceptable past participle form. For example, the past participle of *get* can be *gotten* or *got*. *Gotten* is more common in North America and *got* is more common in the UK.

**Note 2

How many contractions are possible at one time? In general, one contraction is fine for both speaking and writing, but a double contraction is not used in writing or formal speaking (though it is sometimes used in informal speaking). Also note that *would've* sounds like *would of*, but *would of* is never correct!

- ✓ I **would've** bought
- ✓ I **'d have** bought
- ✗ I **'d've** bought (*use in informal speaking only*)
- ✗ I **would of** bought (*never use*)

Grammar Notes cont.

B. The Third Conditional cont.

Tip #1

A sentence can begin with either the *if clause* or the *main clause* with no change in meaning. Remember that a sentence that begins with an *if clause* is followed by a **comma**.

- **If they had prepared for their presentation,** they wouldn't have received such a bad score.
- **They wouldn't have received such a bad score** if they had prepared for their presentation.

Tip #2

Because the third conditional is often used to express regrets, **negative** verbs are common in the main clause.

- If I had been on time more often, I **wouldn't have been fired**.
- If my neighbor had lent me his lawn mower, I **wouldn't have had** to buy one.
- I **would never have been able to go** to your party if you hadn't spoken to my parents.

Tip #3

When speaking quickly, *would have* sounds like **woulda**. Note we can only say (and never write) *woulda*. Listen to the recording and repeat the following sentences:

- If I hadn't bought insurance, I would have been in trouble.
- I would have gone to the party if I had been invited.
- If she had received your email, she would have replied.

Tip #4

In the main clause, *would* can contract to **'d** with subjects that are pronouns. Also, *would have* can contract to *would've* and *would not* can contract to **wouldn't** with any subject. Likewise, in the *if clause*, *had* can contract to **'d** with subjects that are pronouns and *had not* can contract to **hadn't** with any subject.

- If she **hadn't** left her keys in the car, she'd have been on time to pick me up.
- I **wouldn't** have had to cancel our plans if my son **hadn't** gotten sick.
- I **would've** gotten the invite on time if I'd answered the phone.
- If we **hadn't** stopped for gas, we **would've** beaten the train.

Tip #5

Could or **might** can replace *would* in the main clause to indicate possibility. For contractions, *could've* is common but *might've* is not.

- They **could/might have made** it to my party if they had stopped to ask for directions.
- If I'd finished reading the book, I **could've helped** you write your book report.

Tip #6

It is possible to **combine tenses** within the same sentence if the situation calls for it. For example, a past regret in the *if clause* can affect something in the present.

- If he hadn't forgotten to call me **last night**, I wouldn't be so angry **today**.
- You would feel better about the **present** situation if you had heard about it from her **last week**.

Exercise 1

MULTIPLE-CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

Ex. If Marty had gone to the party, I _____ too.

- a) went
- b) would have gone
- c) had gone

1. If you _____ me the money,
I wouldn't have bought the ticket.
 - a) didn't lend
 - b) hadn't lended
 - c) hadn't lent
2. I wouldn't have stayed at
that hotel if you _____ it to me.
 - a) hadn't recommended
 - b) don't recommend
 - c) didn't recommend
3. She would have been hurt in the
car accident if she _____ her seat belt.
 - a) wouldn't worn
 - b) didn't wore
 - c) hadn't worn
4. If you _____ me, I would have helped you.
 - a) had asked
 - b) asked
 - c) ask
5. If I hadn't taken my umbrella, I _____ very wet.
 - a) would have get
 - b) would had got
 - c) would have gotten
6. I would have been very
disappointed if you _____ with us.
 - a) hadn't came
 - b) wouldn't have came
 - c) hadn't come
7. If Mya _____ in such a hurry,
she wouldn't have driven through a red light.
 - a) wasn't
 - b) hadn't been
 - c) wouldn't be
8. If Jin hadn't applied for the job when he did,
he _____ able to work there.
 - a) wouldn't have be
 - b) wouldn't have been
 - c) wouldn't had be
9. Zara would have called me back
if her phone _____ .
 - a) hadn't died
 - b) haven't died
 - c) wouldn't have died
10. They _____ a nice night if it hadn't rained.
 - a) would had have
 - b) would have have
 - c) would have had

Exercise 2

FILL IN THE BLANKS

Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the verbs provided.

- Ex. Monique failed her history test, but if she had studied harder, she would have passed.
(study) (pass)
- Kevin caught the bus on time, but if he _____ it,
(miss)
he _____ late for his appointment.
(be)
 - Juan didn't write to me when he was on vacation, but if he _____ my address,
(know)
he _____ me a postcard.
(send)
 - We didn't buy the car because it was too expensive, but we _____ it
(buy)
if it _____ a little cheaper.
(be)
 - They didn't go to her party, but if she _____ them, they _____.
(invite) (go)
 - I didn't know that Lee was in the hospital last week.
If I _____, I _____ him.
(know) (visit)
 - It was cold earlier, but we _____ to the beach if it _____ warmer.
(go) (be)
 - I felt a little sick last night. I _____ to the movies if I _____ better.
(go) (feel)
 - Hiroku didn't understand the homework. If he _____ to the teacher's instructions,
(listen)
he _____ what to do.
(know)
 - I'm sorry I was late. I forgot to set my alarm clock last night. I _____
(get)
to the meeting on time if the alarm clock _____.
(ring)

Exercise 3

MATCHING

Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the best ending on the right. Each choice can only be used once.

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| <p><u> d </u> 1. I would have said hello...</p> <p><u> </u> 2. I would have mailed the letter...</p> <p><u> </u> 3. If I had seen the accident, ...</p> <p><u> </u> 4. If I had planned a trip to France, ...</p> <p><u> </u> 5. I would have forgotten your birthday...</p> <p><u> </u> 6. The accident wouldn't have happened...</p> <p><u> </u> 7. I would have cleaned my apartment...</p> <p><u> </u> 8. If I had brought my bathing suit, ...</p> <p><u> </u> 9. My sweater wouldn't have shrunk...</p> <p><u> </u> 10. I would have been much quieter...</p> | <p>a) if I hadn't looked at my calendar.</p> <p>b) if the roads hadn't been so slippery.</p> <p>c) if I had known the baby was sleeping.</p> <p>d) if I had seen you.</p> <p>e) I would have gone swimming.</p> <p>f) if I had had some stamps.</p> <p>g) if I hadn't washed it in hot water.</p> <p>h) I would have tried to learn some French.</p> <p>i) if I had known they were coming.</p> <p>j) I would have called an ambulance.</p> |
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Exercise 4

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES

Complete the following sentences using your own words.
Use contractions whenever possible.

- Ex. I would've lent you some money if *I hadn't just paid my rent.* _____
1. The boss would've fired her if _____
 2. If I'd known it was going to rain, _____
 3. If she hadn't missed so many classes, _____
 4. If yesterday had been a holiday, _____
 5. I wouldn't have missed the bus if _____
 6. I would've had a party if _____
 7. I'd have called you if _____
 8. If I'd woken up earlier, _____

Exercise 5

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Write a sentence using the third conditional for each of the following situations.

Ex. They didn't arrive on time because they took the wrong road.

If they had taken the right road, they would have arrived on time.

1. Dario didn't get the job because he didn't have much experience.

2. Elena didn't pass her driver's test because she didn't stop at the red light.

3. Aiko didn't buy the dress because it didn't fit.

4. The Smiths didn't go to Hawaii because the airplane tickets were too expensive.

5. I got a parking ticket because I forgot to put money in the parking meter.

6. The cake burned because she didn't set the timer.



Exercise 5 cont.

7. She didn't take an umbrella because she didn't know it was supposed to rain.

8. Christina didn't eat lunch because she wasn't hungry.

9. We didn't go skiing last weekend because there wasn't much snow on the mountain.

10. I couldn't make lasagna for dinner last night because I forgot to buy the noodles.

Exercise 6

PAST REGRETS

Do you have any regrets? Find a partner and discuss a few things you wish you had done differently in your life. Use the third conditional.

Example

A: I began studying English when I was 25 years old. If I'd started learning English when I was a child, I would've been fluent by now.

B: I know what you mean! I didn't take any English classes until high school. If I'd started in elementary school, it would've been much easier to learn English.

A: Yep. So what other regrets do you have?

Exercise 7

COMPREHENSION

Read the conditional sentences below and answer the questions that follow each one.

Ex. If it hadn't rained yesterday,
we would have had a picnic.

Yes a) Did it rain yesterday?

No b) Did we have a picnic?

1. If you had come to the party,
you would have met my cousin.

_____ a) Did you come to the party?
_____ b) Did you meet my cousin?
2. I wouldn't have watched the movie
if I had known it was scary.

_____ a) Did I watch the movie?
_____ b) Was it scary?
_____ c) Do I like scary movies?
3. If I'd known he was a careless driver,
I wouldn't have lent him my car.

_____ a) Is he a careless driver?
_____ b) Did I lend him my car?
4. If Professor Neville had taught the
history course, I would've taken it.

_____ a) Did Professor Neville teach the course?
_____ b) Did I take the history course?
5. Marie wouldn't have married Rob
if she hadn't been in love with him.

_____ a) Did Marie marry Rob?
_____ b) Was Marie in love with Rob?
6. If the bus had been on time,
we wouldn't have missed our appointment.

_____ a) Was the bus on time?
_____ b) Did we miss our appointment?
7. If I had had a lot of homework last night,
I wouldn't have gone to the movies.

_____ a) Did I have a lot of homework last night?
_____ b) Did I go to the movies last night?
8. Ali would have known about the accident
if he'd read the paper yesterday.

_____ a) Did Ali know about the accident?
_____ b) Did Ali read the newspaper yesterday?
9. If I had heard about the new position before the
application deadline, I would've applied for it.

_____ a) Did I hear about the job in time to apply?
_____ b) Did I apply for the job?
_____ c) Did I get the job?
10. You wouldn't have had to rewrite your essay
if you hadn't copied it straight from that website.

_____ a) Did you copy your essay from a website?
_____ b) Did you have to rewrite your essay?
_____ c) Did you get caught cheating?

Exercise 8

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

Read the situations below. Choose if you would or wouldn't have done the same thing and write out your explanation using the third conditional.

Example #1

**Mark saw a woman drowning in the lake.
He went to look for help.**

I wouldn't have done that. If I had seen a woman drowning, I would have called 911 on my cell phone and then jumped into the water to try to save her.

Example #2

**Mark saw a woman drowning in the lake.
He went to look for help.**

I would have done that too. I'm not a strong swimmer, so if I'd seen a woman drowning, I would've tried to find someone nearby who could swim. But first I would have let her know I was going to get help.

1. Adele saw her friend cheating on a test. She told the teacher.

2. Jung's neighbors were very noisy, so he moved to a new apartment. The move was very expensive.

3. Kayla went to a new restaurant. She didn't like her meal, so she didn't leave a tip.

Exercise 8 cont.

4. Juliana's car broke down on the way to work, so she hitchhiked the rest of the way.

5. When Sam saw a black bear in the woods, he started to scream.

6. When Fatima heard someone breaking into her house last night, she hid under the bed.

7. Shen found a wallet with \$1,000 in it. He kept the money.

Exercise 9

SURVEY

Ask your classmates what they would have done in each situation from Exercise 8. Complete the chart with answers in point form. Practice saying *woulda* (but don't write it).

#	Situation	Classmate #1	Classmate #2	Classmate #3
1	cheating friend			
2	noisy neighbors			
3	bad meal			
4	car trouble			
5	black bear			
6	burglar			
7	wallet			

Exercise 10

NOW YOU TELL ME!

With a partner, take turns reading out the situations below and offering advice using the third conditional. End each one with “*Now you tell me!*”^{*} Practice saying *woulda* instead of *would have* when you can.

Example

- A: I lost my job because I was late for work three times.
- B: If you had set your alarm to go off 15 minutes earlier, you *woulda* made it to work on time.
- A: *Now you tell me!*

*Note

We use the expression “*Now you tell me!*” (with emphasis on “*Now*”) when we want to show that hearing the advice sooner would have helped (to prevent a negative outcome from happening).

1. I had to go to the dentist to get three fillings.
2. Our dog got sick right before our vacation. We lost \$3,000 because we had to cancel the trip.
3. I hurt my back moving some heavy furniture.
4. I didn’t pay attention in class and didn’t know about the test.
5. I accidentally woke the baby up when I came home from work.
6. I didn’t get the job.
7. I got lost yesterday.
8. It didn’t rain when we went away and all of our flowers died.
9. My mother-in-law isn’t talking to me because she wasn’t invited for Thanksgiving dinner.
10. I failed my test.

Exercise 11

WISH

Read the wishes below and write a third conditional sentence related to each one.

Ex. I wish I had known about her accident.

If I had known about her accident, I would have sent her some flowers.

1. I wish I had learned to speak several languages when I was young.

2. She wishes she had never met him.

3. They wish they had visited Paris when they were in Europe.

4. He wishes he had applied for that government job.

5. I wish I hadn't seen that horror movie.

6. I wish I hadn't drunk so much coffee last night.

7. I wish I had taken my camera on our camping trip.

8. I wish it had been warmer yesterday.

9. I wish I had read the instructions more carefully.

10. I wish I hadn't yelled at the children.

Exercise 12

THE GREAT CONDITIONAL CHALLENGE

Work in groups. Read the three *if clauses* below. Choose one of the three clauses and then try to make as many third conditional sentences as possible that follow from the *if clause* you have chosen. The group with the most conditional sentences wins the challenge.

“If” Clauses

1. If I had learned English as a child...
2. If I had won the million-dollar lottery five years ago...
3. If I had been alive in the 19th century...

Example:

If I had studied harder when I was in high school...

If I had studied harder when I was in high school, I would have gotten better grades. If I had gotten better grades, I would have gone to a better university. If I had gone to a better university, I would have applied to medical school. If I had gone to medical school, I would have become a doctor. If I had become a doctor, I would have gone to Africa and helped a lot of people. If I had gone to Africa and helped a lot of people, ...

Exercise 13

MIXED CONDITIONALS

Complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verbs provided. Check for time markers and the tenses of other verbs in context to help you decide if you need the first, second, or third conditional.

Ex. If it rains next Saturday, I will stay home.
(stay)

1. I _____ to the movies with you last week if I _____ sick.
(go) (not/be)

2. If I were you, I _____ her the truth.
(tell)

3. That was a very bad accident. If he _____ more careful, it wouldn't have happened.
(be)

4. That new restaurant is terrible! If I _____ you,
(be)
I _____ your reservation. You should go somewhere else.
(cancel)

5. It's raining now, but if it _____ sunny, I _____ for a long walk.
(be) (go)

6. It rained all day yesterday, but if it _____ sunny,
(be)
I _____ for a long walk. Instead, I stayed inside and read all day.
(go)

7. I just remembered that you are coming home tomorrow night. I _____
(pick)
you up at the airport if you _____ what time your flight arrives.
(tell)

8. I didn't finish the report yesterday. If I _____ at the office late last night,
(stay)
I probably _____ it. I'll have to do it today.
(finish)

9. I have to go to the store tomorrow. If you _____ me what you need,
(tell)
I _____ your groceries too. Then you won't have to go out.
(get)



Exercise 13 cont.

10. You are such a good worker. If I were you, I _____ the boss for a raise.
(ask)
11. I don't know Rashid's telephone number, but if I _____ it, I would call him right now.
(know)
12. I wasn't at school yesterday, so I didn't know about the homework. If I _____ there,
(be)
I _____ about it and I _____ it last night.
(know) (do)
13. The forecast is calling for rain. If it _____ tomorrow,
(rain)
we _____ the game and reschedule it for next week.
(cancel)
14. I _____ you if I _____
(call) (know)
that you were going through such a hard time. Why didn't you tell me?
15. If she _____ taller, she _____
(be) (try out)
for the basketball team. Tryouts start next week.

Exercise 14

FIND YOUR MATCH

Your teacher will give you a strip of paper that has an *if clause* or a *main clause* on it. Walk around the classroom telling your classmates your half of the sentence. When you find your match, check your complete sentence with your teacher. If it's correct, sit down.

Hint

Use the verb tense in your clause to help you decide if it is part of a first, second, or third conditional sentence. When you listen to your classmates read out their clauses, pay attention to the verb tense as well as the meaning of the clause.

Exercise 15

QUIZ

Complete this review of the first, second, and third conditional. Circle the best answer.

- If the tickets hadn't been sold out, I _____ to the hockey game.
 - will go
 - would go
 - would have gone
- She would study if there _____ a test tomorrow.
 - is
 - were
 - had been
- I _____ shopping with you if I had any money.
 - will go
 - would go
 - would have gone
- The boss would have been angry if Mark _____ his report on time.
 - won't finish
 - wouldn't finish
 - hadn't finished
- If Sylvia had been able to play in the game last night, we probably _____ .
 - will win
 - would win
 - would have won
- If we _____ attention in class, we won't do well on the final exam.
 - don't pay
 - won't pay
 - hadn't paid
- He _____ a new house if he'd known about the layoffs.
 - won't buy
 - wouldn't buy
 - wouldn't have bought
- They will go to the lake next weekend if the weather _____ nice.
 - is
 - will be
 - had been
- If Rina got the job, she _____ .
 - will celebrate
 - would celebrate
 - would have celebrated
- I _____ that if I were you. It's expired.
 - won't eat
 - wouldn't eat
 - wouldn't have eaten

Answer Key

LESSON DESCRIPTION:

Students learn and practice the third conditional through various writing and speaking activities. They discuss past regrets and talk and write about what they would have done differently. This lesson also includes a mixed review of the first, second, and third conditionals.

LEVEL: Int – High Int

TIME: 3–4 hours

TAGS: conditional, third conditional, past conditional, mood, hypothetical, if, would, past, verbs, first conditional, second conditional, wish, mixed verbs, mixed tenses, sentence patterns, grammar

Exercise 1

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 3. c | 5. c | 7. b | 9. a |
| 2. a | 4. a | 6. c | 8. b | 10. c |

Exercise 2

1. had missed, would have been
2. had known, would have sent
3. would have bought, had been
4. had invited, would have gone
5. had known, would have visited
6. would have gone, had been
7. would have gone, had felt
8. had listened, would have known
9. would have gotten, had rung

Exercise 3

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|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. d | 3. j | 5. a | 7. i | 9. g |
| 2. f | 4. h | 6. b | 8. e | 10. c |

Exercise 4

Answers will vary. Here are some examples:

1. The boss would've fired her if she hadn't finished the report.
2. If I'd known it was going to rain, I would've taken an umbrella.
3. If she hadn't missed so many classes, she would've passed the course.
4. If yesterday had been a holiday, I'd have stayed in bed all day.
5. I wouldn't have missed the bus if you'd woken me.
6. I would've had a party if I'd known it was your birthday.
7. I'd have called you if I'd had your number.
8. If I'd woken up earlier, I would've gone for a jog.

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Answer Key cont.

Exercise 5

Answers may vary.

1. Dario would have gotten the job if he had had more experience.
2. Elena would have passed her driver's test if she had stopped at the red light.
3. Aiko would have bought the dress if it had fit.
4. The Smiths would have gone to Hawaii if the tickets had been cheaper.
5. If I had put money in the meter, I wouldn't have gotten a parking ticket.
6. The cake wouldn't have burned if she had set the timer.
7. If she had known it was supposed to rain, she would have taken an umbrella.
8. Christina would have eaten lunch if she had been hungry.
9. If there had been more snow on the mountain, we would have gone skiing last weekend.
10. I would have made lasagna for dinner last night if I had remembered to buy the noodles.

Exercise 6

Put students into pairs or small groups. Answers will vary. Monitor their third conditional sentence formation and encourage contracted verb forms. If students are struggling to come up with "big" life events they regret, point out that the regrets can be "small" as well. (E.g., *If I had woken up earlier this morning, I wouldn't have had to run for the bus.*)

Exercise 7

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a) no b) no | 6. a) no b) yes |
| 2. a) yes b) yes c) no | 7. a) no b) yes |
| 3. a) yes b) yes | 8. a) no b) no |
| 4. a) no b) no | 9. a) no b) no c) no |
| 5. a) yes b) yes | 10. a) yes b) yes c) yes |

Exercise 8

Answers will vary. This exercise should be done individually as students will discuss these situations in groups in Exercise 9. You may want to assign Exercise 8 for homework and do Exercise 9 the following day.

Exercise 9

Put students into groups of four if possible. Answers will vary. Monitor and encourage the reduced pronunciation of *would have* to *woulda*. When they're finished, ask students to share some of the info in their charts as a class (e.g., which ones their group agreed on or the ones where they had a difference of opinion).

Exercise 10

Answers will vary. Here are some examples:

1. If you had eaten healthier food, you wouldn't have needed three fillings.
2. If you had bought travel insurance, you wouldn't have wasted your money.
3. If you had asked someone to help you, you wouldn't have hurt your back.
4. If you had paid attention in class, you would have been able to prepare for the test.
5. If you had been quieter, you wouldn't have woken the baby.
6. If you had practiced interview questions with someone, you would have felt more confident during your interview.
7. You wouldn't have gotten lost if you had taken a map.
8. Your flowers wouldn't have died if you had asked someone to water your garden.
9. Your mother-in-law wouldn't be angry if you had invited her for dinner.
10. If you had studied harder, you would have passed your test.

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Answer Key cont.

Exercise 11

Answers will vary. Some examples are listed below. For more practice with *wish*, have students discuss (or write) their past regrets from Exercise 6 using the pattern *wish + had + p.p.* (E.g., *I wish I had started learning English when I was a child.*)

1. If I had learned to speak several languages when I was young, I would have become a translator.
2. If she had never met him, her life would have been much easier.
3. If they had visited Paris, they would have gone to many famous museums.
4. If he had gotten a government job, he would have had a good pension.
5. If I hadn't seen that movie, I wouldn't have had such bad nightmares.
6. If I hadn't drunk so much coffee, I wouldn't have had trouble sleeping.
7. If I had taken my camera, I would have taken so many great pictures.
8. If it had been warmer yesterday, we would have gone swimming.
9. If I had read the instructions more carefully, I would have known how to play this game.
10. If I hadn't yelled at the children, they wouldn't have cried.

Exercise 12

Put students into small groups or pairs. You may wish to set a time limit (e.g., 10 minutes). Answers will vary.

Exercise 13

1. would have gone, hadn't been
2. would tell
3. had been
4. were, would cancel
5. were, would go
6. had been, would have gone
7. will pick, tell
8. had stayed, would have finished
9. tell, will get
10. would ask
11. knew
12. had been, would have known, would have done
13. rains, will cancel
14. would have called, had known
15. were, would try out

Exercise 14

Cut up the sentence halves from page 24 and hand out one clause to each student. (If you have a small class, you could hand out more than one strip to each student or do the activity twice.) Have the students search the room for the matching clause (note that there may be more than one possibility in some cases—you can accept any logical, reasonable match). When students think they have found their match, check that they have formed a logical sentence with the appropriate verb tenses.

Exercise 15

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| 1. c | 3. b | 5. c | 7. c | 9. b |
| 2. b | 4. c | 6. a | 8. a | 10. b |

(continued on the next page...)

Answer Key cont.

Extra Practice I

This task provides a great review of the first, second, and third conditionals. Cut up one set of sentence halves for each pair or group. Give each pair or group the mixed-up strips and have them arrange all the strips into logical sentences (note that there may be more than one possibility in some cases—you can accept any logical, reasonable match). If students are struggling, remind them to look for the verb tenses and patterns from page 25. Alternatively (or additionally), you can repeat Exercise 14 on another day for review using the one set of sentence strips you've already prepared.

Extra Practice II

On page 25, you will find a comparison chart with all four conditional tenses. Comparing all the conditional tenses at once can be helpful for students to see when and why each is used. Try presenting the chart before or after the Third Conditional lesson. You can find more teaching tips on our blog (<http://blog.esllibrary.com/2013/03/14/an-easy-way-to-teach-conditionals/>) and in our Grammar Practice Worksheets section (<https://esllibrary.com/courses/88/lessons>). In that section, you'll find our lessons on the First and Second Conditional.

SPELLING NOTE:

This lesson shows the American spelling of the words *Neighbor*, *Jewelry*, and *Practice*. Most other English-speaking countries spell these words this way: *Neighbour*, *Jewellery*, and *Practise* (when used as a verb; *Practice* when used as a noun). Make it a challenge for your students to find these words in the lesson and see if they know the alternate spellings.

EDITOR'S NOTES:

1. We recommend that students try our First Conditional and Second Conditional lessons in our Grammar Practice Worksheets section before trying this one.
 - First Conditional Lesson:
<https://esllibrary.com/courses/88/lessons/1602>
 - Second Conditional Lesson:
<https://esllibrary.com/courses/88/lessons/1603>
2. For more practice with irregular past participle forms, see our Irregular Verb List and Verb Cards. You may also want to check out some of our blog posts.
 - Irregular Verb List:
<https://esllibrary.com/resources/2275>
 - Verb Cards:
<https://esllibrary.com/resources/2247>
 - Got Vs. Gotten:
<http://blog.esllibrary.com/2018/07/12/got-vs-gotten/>
 - Hanged Vs. Hung:
<http://blog.esllibrary.com/2015/07/09/hanged-vs-hung/>
 - Lay Vs. Lie:
<http://blog.esllibrary.com/2012/11/14/lay-vs-lie-lets-lay-this-matter-to-rest/>

Extra Practice I

SENTENCE STRIPS

If I had been as sick as you,	I wouldn't have gone to work.
If I feel tired,	I will lie down for a while.
If I felt sick,	I would go to the doctor.
If you had eaten the whole pizza,	you would have felt very full.
If I had had a dog,	it would have barked and scared away the robber.
If I had a dog,	I would take it for a run every day.
If I go to the park this afternoon,	I'll take my dog with me.
If he loses his job,	he'll apply for another one.
If he hadn't finished the project on time,	the boss would have fired him.
If he steals that jewelry,	the police will probably catch him.
If the police had caught him,	he would have gone to jail.
If I had gone camping,	I would have taken a flashlight.
If the power goes out,	I will look for a flashlight.
If my car broke down on the way to work,	I would call a taxi.
If she hadn't gone on holidays,	she wouldn't have missed the annual conference.
If she had gone to the beach,	she would have taken her bathing suit.
If it's hot this afternoon,	he will go swimming.
If I had known about her problem,	I would have tried to help her.
If I hadn't done my homework,	I wouldn't have gotten a good score on the quiz.

Extra Practice II

CONDITIONAL COMPARISON CHART

Name	Form	Time	Function	Example
Zero Conditional	If + present, present	Present	Use this conditional to show an outcome that happens if a specific repeated condition is met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If he takes vitamins every day, he doesn't get sick. He doesn't get sick if he takes vitamins every day.
First Conditional (Real Conditional)	If + present, will + verb	Present/ Future	Use this conditional to show a likely or possible outcome that will probably happen if a specific condition is met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If she studies for the test, she will get a good grade. She will get a good grade if she studies for the test.
Second Conditional (Unreal Conditional)	If + past, would + verb	Present/ Future	Use this conditional to show an unlikely or impossible outcome that probably wouldn't happen (unless a specific condition were met).	<p>Unlikely situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If he won the lottery, he would quit his job. He would quit his job if he won the lottery. <p>Impossible situation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I had wings, I would fly to Antarctica. I would fly to Antarctica if I had wings.
Third Conditional	If + had + p.p., would + have + p.p.	Past	Use this conditional to show a past regret or different outcome that would have happened if a specific condition had been met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I had remembered to call my friend last night, she wouldn't have sent me an angry text message. My friend wouldn't have sent me an angry text message if I had remembered to call her last night.