

Conditional Sentences – Third Condition (Past Time - Unreal/ Contrary to Fact)

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

Ex. Annie failed her history test, but if she had studied (study) harder, she would have passed (pass).

1. Kevin caught the bus on time, but if he _____ (miss) the bus, he _____ (be) late for his appointment.
2. Bob didn't write to me when he was on vacation, but if he _____ (know) my address, he _____ (send) me a postcard.
3. We didn't buy the car because it was too expensive, but if it _____ (be) a little cheaper, we _____ (buy) it.
4. They didn't go to her party, but if she _____ (invite) them, they _____ (go).
5. I didn't know that Dave was in the hospital last week. If I _____ (know), I _____ (visit) him.
6. It was cold yesterday, but if it _____ (be) warmer, we _____ (go) to the beach.
7. I felt a little sick last night. If I _____ (feel) better, I _____ (go) to the movie with you.
8. Jane didn't understand the homework. If she _____ (listen) to the teacher's instructions, she _____ (know) what to do.
9. I'm sorry I was late. I forgot to set my alarm clock last night. If the alarm clock _____ (ring), I _____ (get) to the meeting on time.
10. The hockey tickets were all sold out. If there _____ (be) a ticket available, I _____ (go) to the game.
11. Our team lost the football game last night, but if George _____ (play), we probably _____ (win).

Conditional Sentences – Third Condition

Verb Tenses in Third Conditional Sentences

Directions: Choose the correct verb tense in each of the following sentences.

1. If Marty had gone to the party, I _____ too.
a) went b) would have gone c) had gone
2. If you _____ me the money, I wouldn't have bought the ticket.
a) didn't lend b) don't lend c) hadn't lent
3. 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
4. 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
5. If you _____ me, I would have helped you.
a) had asked b) asked c) ask
6. If I hadn't taken my umbrella, I _____ very wet.
a) got b) had gotten c) would have gotten
7. I would have been very disappointed if you _____ with us.
a) don't come b) wouldn't have come c) hadn't come
8. If she _____ in such a hurry, she wouldn't have driven through a red light.
a) wasn't b) hadn't been c) wouldn't be

Conditional Sentences – Third Condition

Directions: Write a sentence in the third condition for each of the following situations.

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

2. Andrew didn't get the job because he didn't have much experience. _____

3. Ellen didn't pass her driver's test because she didn't stop at the red light. _____

4. Barbara didn't buy the dress because it didn't fit. _____

5. The Smiths didn't go to Hawaii for their vacation because the airplane tickets were too expensive.

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

7. The cake burned because she didn't set the timer on the stove. _____

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

9. Annie didn't eat her dinner because she wasn't hungry. _____

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

Conditional Sentences – Third Condition

A. Matching

Match the first part of the sentence on the left with the correct ending on the right.

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| 1. I would have said hello | A. if I hadn't looked at my calendar. |
| 2. I would have mailed the letter | B. if the roads hadn't been so slippery. |
| 3. If I had seen the accident, | C. if I had known the baby was sleeping. |
| 4. If I had planned a trip to France, | D. if I had seen you. |
| 5. I would have forgotten your birthday | E. I would have gone swimming. |
| 6. The accident wouldn't have happened... | F. if I had had some stamps. |
| 7. I would have cleaned my apartment... | G. if I hadn't washed it in hot water. |
| 8. If I had brought my bathing suit, | H. I would have tried to learn some French. |
| 9. My sweater wouldn't have shrunk.... | I. if I had known they were coming. |
| 10. I would have been much quieter.... | J. I would have called an ambulance. |

B. Sentence Completion

Complete the following sentences using your own words.

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

Conditional Sentences – Third Condition *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.
- Did it rain yesterday? yes
 - Did we have a picnic? no
1. If you had come to the party, you would have met my cousin.
- Did you come to the party? _____
 - Did you meet my cousin? _____
2. I wouldn't have gone to the movie if I had known it was scary.
- Did I go to the movie? _____
 - Was it scary? _____
 - Do I like scary movies? _____
3. If I had known he was a careless driver, I wouldn't have lent him my car.
- Is he a careless driver? _____
 - Did I lend him my car? _____
4. If Professor Neville had taught the history course, I would have taken it.
- Did Professor Neville teach the history course? _____
 - Did I take the history course? _____
5. Marie wouldn't have married Roger if she hadn't been in love with him.
- Did Marie marry Roger? _____
 - Was Marie in love with Roger? _____
6. If the bus had been on time, we wouldn't have missed our appointment.
- Was the bus on time? _____
 - Did we miss our appointment? _____
7. If I had had a lot of homework last night, I wouldn't have gone to the movie.
- Did I have a lot of homework last night? _____
 - Did I go to the movie last night? _____
8. I would have known about the accident if I had read the newspaper yesterday.
- Did I know about the accident? _____
 - Did I read the newspaper yesterday? _____

Third Condition - What Would You Have Done?

A. Directions: Read the situations below. Then write your own sentences in the third condition beginning with, “I wouldn’t have done that. I would have.....”

B. Ask your classmates what they would have done in each situation and complete the chart on the following page.

Ex. 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 (Emergency) on my cell phone and then jumped into the water to try to save her.

1. Jimmy saw his friend cheating on a test. He told the teacher. _____

2. Ellen’s neighbors were very noisy, so she moved to a new apartment. The move was very expensive.

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

4. Lynn’s car broke down on the way to work, so she hitchhiked to work. _____

5. Sam saw a black bear in the woods and he started to scream. _____

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

7. Andrew found a wallet with a \$1000 in it, but no identification. He kept it.

Third Condition – Class Survey

What Would You Have Done?

(see page 6 for instructions)

Questions	Classmate #1	Classmate #2	Classmate #3	Classmate #4
cheating friend				
noisy neighbors				
bad meal				
car trouble				
black bear				
burglar				
wallet				

Third Condition

Criticism for Past Mistakes

Directions: Read each of the person's mistakes below and criticize him/her using a third conditional sentence.

ex. Don lost his job because he was late for work three times.

If you hadn't been late for work so often, you wouldn't have lost your job.

1. Bobby had to go to the dentist to get three fillings because he ate so much candy.

2. Andrea didn't buy travel insurance for her trip. She got sick and had to cancel. She didn't get back her \$3000 dollars.

3. John hurt his back because he moved all the furniture himself. _____

4. Michelle didn't pay attention in class, so she didn't know about the test. _____

5. Robert woke the baby up when he came home because he made a lot of noise. _____

6. Susan didn't get the job because she didn't prepare for the interview. _____

7. Alice got lost because she didn't take the map. _____

8. The milk turned sour because Pat forgot to put it back in the fridge. _____

9. Nancy's mother-in-law was angry because Nancy didn't invite her for dinner. _____

Third Conditional Sentences with Wish

What Would You Do and How Would You Feel?

Directions: 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. _____

Mixed Conditionals

A) Verb Tenses in First, Second, and Third Conditional Sentences

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

1. If it rains next Saturday, I _____ (stay) home.
2. I _____ (go) to the movie with you last week if I _____ (not/be) sick. Why don't we go tonight?
3. If I were you, I _____ (tell) her the truth.
4. That was a very bad accident. If he _____ (be) more careful, it wouldn't have happened.
5. That new restaurant is terrible! If I _____ (be) you, I _____ (cancel) your reservation. You should go somewhere else.
6. It's raining now, but if it _____ (be) sunny, I _____ (go) for a long walk.
7. It rained all day yesterday, but if it _____ (be) sunny, I _____ (go) for a long walk. Instead, I stayed inside and read all day.
8. I didn't know you were coming home last night. If you _____ (tell) me, I _____ (pick) you up at the airport. Did you take a taxi home?
9. I have to go to the store now. If you _____ (tell) me what you need, I _____ (get) your groceries too. Then you won't have to go out.
10. I didn't finish the report yesterday. If I _____ (stay) at the office late last night, I probably _____ (finish) it. I'll have to do it today.
11. You are such a good worker. If I were you, I _____ (ask) the boss for a raise.
12. I don't know Frank's telephone number, but if I _____ (know) it, I would call him right now.
13. I wasn't at school yesterday, so I didn't know about the homework. If I _____ (be) there, I _____ (know) about it and I _____ (do) it last night.
14. If it _____ (rain) tomorrow, we _____ (cancel) the game.

Mixed Conditionals – Sentence Strips

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Instructions: Cut the following if and main clauses into strips and give one clause to each student. Have the students memorize their clause and then search the room for the matching clause. (Remind the students to pay careful attention to the verb tenses as some of the sentences are similar but are in different conditions.)

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If I had been as sick as you,	...I wouldn't have come to school.
If I am tired, I will lie down for awhile.
If I felt sick, I would go to the doctor.
If you had eaten the whole pizza, you would have felt sick.
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 everyday.
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 the money,	... the police will probably catch him.

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PAGE 2 OF 2 (See previous page for instructions.)

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 electricity goes off, I will look for a flashlight.
If my car broke down on the way to work, I would call a taxi.
If I gain more weight,	... I'll start to exercise more.
If she had exercised more,	... she wouldn't have gained so much weight.
If he had gone to the beach,	... he would have taken his 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.

Answers

Answer Key

Page 1 – Verb Tenses

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| 1. had missed, would have been | 2. had known, would have sent | 3. had been, would have bought |
| 4. had invited, would have gone | 5. had known, would have visited | 6. had been, would have gone |
| 7. had felt, would have gone | 8. had listened, would have known | 9. had rung, would have gotten |
| 10. had been, would have gone | 11. had played, would have won | |

Page 2 – Verb Tenses

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

Page 3 (Answers may vary.)

1. If they had taken the right road, they would have arrived on time.
2. Andrew would have gotten the job if he had had more experience.
3. Ellen would have passed her driver's test if she had stopped at the red light.
4. Barbara would have bought the dress if it had fit.
5. The Smiths would have gone to Hawaii if the tickets had been cheaper.
6. If I had put money in the meter, I wouldn't have gotten a parking ticket.
7. The cake wouldn't have burned if she had set the timer on the stove.
8. If she had known it was supposed to rain, she would have taken an umbrella.
9. Annie would have eaten her dinner if she had been hungry.
10. If there had been more snow on the mountain, we would have gone skiing last weekend.

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A. Matching Exercise

1. D 2. F 3. J 4. H 5. A 6. B 7. I 8. E 9. G 10. C

B. Sentence Completion (Individual responses)

Sample sentences

1. I would have lent you some money if I had had some.
2. The boss would have fired her if she had come late again.
3. If I had known it was going to rain, I would have taken an umbrella.
4. If she hadn't missed so many classes, she would have passed the course.
5. If yesterday had been a holiday, I would have stayed in bed all day.
6. I wouldn't have missed the bus if you had woken me.
7. I would have had a party if I had known it was your birthday.
8. I would have called you if I had had your number.

Page 5 – Comprehension

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

Page 6 – Individual Responses

Page 7 – Class Survey

...Answer Key Continued

Page 8 – Responses may vary

Sample Answers

1. If you hadn't eaten so much candy, you wouldn't have needed three fillings.
2. If you had bought travel insurance, you wouldn't have wasted so much 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 known about the test.
5. If you had been quieter, you wouldn't have woken the baby.
6. If you had prepared more for the interview, you would have gotten the job.
7. You wouldn't have gotten lost if you had taken the map.
8. The milk wouldn't have turned sour if you had put it back in the fridge.
9. Your mother-in-law wouldn't have gotten angry if you had invited her for dinner.

Page 9 – Third conditionals Sentences with *Wish*

Responses will vary.

Sample Responses

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.

Page 10 – Verb Tenses – Mixed conditionals

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

Page 11 – The Great Conditional Challenge – Group Work – Individual Responses

Page 12 & 13 – Sentence Strips