

Third Conditional

Grammar Drill Pack

Focus: Fixing confusion between past perfect in the if-clause and would have + past participle in the result clause — five short drills to lock in **Third Conditional**.

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1 · Rules

- Use the third conditional to talk about unreal or impossible situations in the past.
- The if-clause uses the past perfect (had + past participle).
- The main clause uses would have + past participle.
- Do not use 'would' without 'have' in the main clause for third conditional.
- Common signal words include 'if', 'had', and 'would have'.

2 · Signal words

if had would have could have should have if only

Tip: These words often flag **Third Conditional** — spot them, then choose the form.

3 · Gap-fill drill

Write the correct form of **Third Conditional** in each gap.

- If she _____ the earlier train, she would have arrived on time.
- If they _____ more money, they would have been able to travel abroad.
- If I _____ harder, I would have passed the exam.
- If we _____ the deadline was yesterday, we would have submitted the report.
- If he _____ to the warning, he would not have gotten lost.
- If the company _____ in renewable energy, it would have reduced its carbon footprint.

4 · Error correction

Each sentence has one mistake in Third Conditional. Rewrite it correctly.

- 1 ~~If I had remembered to set my alarm, I would have wake up early.~~

- 2 ~~If they had booked the tickets earlier, they would get better seats.~~

- 3 ~~If she had known the truth, she would have tell everyone.~~

- 4 ~~If we had taken the map, we would not got lost.~~

- 5 ~~If he had practiced daily, he would have master the piano.~~

- 6 ~~If the team had trained harder, they would have win the championship.~~

5 • Mini-quiz

Choose the correct option (A–D).

- 1 Which sentence correctly uses the third conditional?
- (A) If I had known about the traffic, I would have taken a different route.
 - (B) If I knew about the traffic, I would take a different route.
 - (C) If I have known about the traffic, I would have taken a different route.
 - (D) If I had known about the traffic, I would take a different route.
- 2 Choose the sentence that correctly expresses an unreal past situation.
- (A) If they had arrived earlier, they would have caught the train.
 - (B) If they arrived earlier, they would catch the train.
 - (C) If they have arrived earlier, they would have caught the train.
 - (D) If they had arrived earlier, they would catch the train.
- 3 Select the sentence that correctly uses 'would have' after a past perfect condition.
- (A) If she had studied, she would have passed the exam.
 - (B) If she studied, she would have passed the exam.
 - (C) If she had studied, she would pass the exam.
 - (D) If she has studied, she would have passed the exam.
- 4 Identify the correctly formed third conditional sentence.
- (A) If we had known the address, we would have visited you.
 - (B) If we knew the address, we would have visited you.
 - (C) If we had known the address, we would visit you.
 - (D) If we have known the address, we would have visited you.
- 5 Which of the following sentences correctly follows the third conditional pattern?
- (A) If the manager had approved the budget, the project would have started on time.
 - (B) If the manager approved the budget, the project would have started on time.
 - (C) If the manager had approved the budget, the project would start on time.
 - (D) If the manager has approved the budget, the project would have started on time.
- 6 Pick the sentence that correctly uses the third conditional to talk about a past regret.
- (A) If I had taken the job, I would have earned more money.
 - (B) If I took the job, I would have earned more money.
 - (C) If I had taken the job, I would earn more money.
 - (D) If I have taken the job, I would have earned more money.