

THIRD VS MIXED

Conditionals



Past +
present




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SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

- 1.If I leave at 11, I will come to work on time.
- 2.If I leave at 11, I come to work on time.
- 3.If I met her, I would tell her everything I think.
- 4.If I had met her, I would have told her everything I think.

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- 1.If I hadn't been so stubborn, I would work on the project.
 - 2.If I weren't so stubborn, I would have worked on the project.
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USE 2ND CONDITIONAL TO:



talk about things in the **future** that are probably not going to be true. I might be imagining some dreams:

- If I **won** the lottery, I **would buy** a plane. (I probably won't win the lottery).
- If I **met** the Queen of England, I **might be** very surprised.
- He **could travel** all over the world if he **were** rich.



talk about something in the **present** which is impossible, because it's not true:

- If I **had** his number, I **would call** him. (I don't have his number now, so it's impossible for me to call him).
- If I **were** you, I **wouldn't go** out with that man.



USE 3RD CONDITIONAL TO:



talk about the **past**. It's used to describe a situation that **didn't happen**, and to **imagine** the result of this situation.

- If Ron **had studied**, he **would have passed** the test (but, really we know he *didn't study* and so he *didn't pass*).
- If I **hadn't eaten** so much, I **wouldn't have felt** sick (but I *did eat* a lot, and so I *did feel* sick).
- If we **had taken** a taxi, we **wouldn't have missed** the plane.
- She **wouldn't have been** tired if she **had gone** to bed earlier.
- She **would have become** a teacher if she **had gone** to university.
- He **would have been** on time for the interview if he **had left** the house at nine.



3RD CONDITIONAL: DIFFERENT STRUCTURES



If it **hadn't been for** something/somebody, ...

Had it not been for something/somebody, ...

Supposing/suppose ...

What if ...


But for ...

- **Suppose** we *hadn't brought* our umbrellas. (We did bring our umbrellas.)
- **Supposing** they *had closed* the road. *Would* that *have been* a good idea? (They didn't close the road.)
- **What if** I *had* accidentally *told* Maria about the party! That *would have ruined* the surprise. (I didn't tell Maria about the party.)
- If it **hadn't been for** the bad weather, we *would have gone* out yesterday.
- **Had it not been for** the bad weather, we *would have gone* out yesterday.
- She *wouldn't have become* a doctor **but for** the support of her parents.



MIXED CONDITIONAL

It is possible for the two parts of a conditional sentence **to refer to different times**, and the resulting sentence is a "**mixed conditional**" sentence. There are *two types of mixed conditional sentences*.

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- **Present result** of a *past condition*. In this type of mixed conditional sentence, the tense in the 'if' clause is the **past perfect**, and in the main clause **would/could/might+infinitive**.

The time is *the past* in the if-clause and *the present* in the main clause.

- If I **had worked** harder at school, I **could have** a better job now.
- We **wouldn't be** lost if we **had looked** at the map.
- If you **had caught** that plane you **might be** dead now.



MIXED CONDITIONAL

The *second type* of mixed conditional sentences.



- **Past result** of a *present or continuing condition*. In this second type of mixed conditional sentence, the tense in the **'if' clause** is the *simple past*, and the tense in the **main clause** is the *perfect conditional*. The time in the If-part is *now or always*, and the time in the main part is *before* now.
- If I *wasn't* afraid of spiders, I *could have picked* it up.
- We *would have sacked* him months ago if we *didn't trust* him.
- If I *wasn't* in the middle of another meeting, I *might have helped* you.



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



- If she wasn't afraid of flying she wouldn't have travelled by boat.

Is she afraid of flying? Did she travel by boat? (yes = 1, no = 2)

- I'd be a stewardess now if I had completed special training.

Did the person complete the training? Is she a stewardess?

- Had I not argued with Mary, we would get on well.

Do I get on well with Mary? Why?

1. Because I argued with her.
2. Because I always argue with her.

- If the elephant wasn't in love with the mouse, she'd have trodden on him by now.

Why did the elephant not tread on the mouse?

1. Because she loved it.
2. Because she loves it.