

THIRD CONDITIONAL

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Practice | 35-45 minutes

Learn and practise | Imagine a different past and its consequences.

1. READ: The wrong entrance

Read the conversation. Notice the bold grammar and how the speakers use it.

Tariq: Did you get into the exhibition in the end?

Elena: Yes, but I waited at the wrong entrance for half an hour.

Tariq: **If you'd checked** the ticket, you'd **have seen** the map.

Elena: I know. And **if I'd called** you, I **wouldn't have wasted** so much time.

Tariq: At least you didn't miss the whole thing.

Elena: True. **If the guard hadn't helped**, I **might have given up** and gone home.

2. GRAMMAR: Unreal past condition and past result

Use if + had + participle, then would have + participle to imagine a different past result.

Use / form	Pattern	Example
Past condition	if + had + participle	If I'd checked the ticket, ...
Past result	would have + participle	... I'd have seen the map.
Possible result	might/could have + participle	... I might have gone home.

The events are finished: I didn't check, so I didn't see the map.

Use hadn't for a negative condition; wouldn't have for a negative result.

Don't put would have in the standard if-clause. Could/might changes the certainty or meaning.

A. CHOOSE

Circle the correct option in each sentence.

1. If I had / would have known, I'd have called.
2. She would have catch / caught the train.
3. If we'd left earlier, we wouldn't have been / be late.
4. If he hadn't / wouldn't have helped, I'd have left.
5. I might have find / found it without you.
6. What would you have do / done differently?
7. If you'd asked, I could have help / helped.
8. We'd have gone if we had / would have had time.

Read each answer aloud. Explain which meaning or time clue helped you.

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Use it | Complete a context, write sentences and speak with a partner.

B. COMPLETE: A missed opportunity

Use the third conditional forms: past perfect in the condition and would have + participle in the result.

1. If I _____ (check) the ticket, I'd have found the entrance.
2. I _____ (not / waste) time if I'd seen the map.
3. If I _____ (call) you, you would have explained.
4. You _____ (help) if I'd asked you.
5. If the guard _____ (not / stop), I might have gone home.
6. If I'd given up, I _____ (miss) the exhibition.

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1-2: Rewrite as a third conditional.

Example: I didn't ask, so I got lost. **If I'd asked, I wouldn't have got lost.**

1. I left late, so I missed it.
2. She didn't ask, so I didn't help.

3-4: Correct the condition or result. Example: If I would have known, I'd have called. **If I had known, I'd have called.**

3. If I would have known, I'd have gone.
4. If he'd called, I would answer.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU

Write three imagined changes to a finished event and their past consequences.

Example: **If I'd booked earlier, I'd have paid less. If I hadn't hurried, I'd have missed it.**

E. SPEAK WITH A PARTNER

Discuss a small mistake or a successful decision from the past.

Ask **What would have happened if...?** Include a possible result with might or could.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

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Sample target language from the conversation:

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Elena: I know. And if I'd called you, I wouldn't have wasted so much time.

Elena: True. If the guard hadn't helped, I might have given up and gone home.

A. CHOOSE

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| 1. had | 2. caught |
| 3. been | 4. hadn't |
| 5. found | 6. done |
| 7. helped | 8. had |

B. COMPLETE: A missed opportunity

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| 1. had checked | 2. wouldn't have wasted / would not have wasted |
| 3. had called | 4. would have helped |
| 5. hadn't stopped / had not stopped | 6. would have missed |

C. CHANGE THE SENTENCES

1. If I'd left earlier, I wouldn't have missed it.
2. If she'd asked, I'd have helped.
3. If I had known, I'd have gone.
4. If he'd called, I would have answered.

D. WRITE ABOUT YOU / E. SPEAK

Personal answers will vary. Check the target grammar.

Sample: If I'd checked the address, I'd have found it. If I'd left early, I wouldn't have rushed. If Jo hadn't helped, I might have got lost.

Teacher note: Accept alternative clause order and full forms. C1 permits had left on time. Discuss logical alternatives in personal work without requiring regret.