

THIRD CONDITIONAL

B2 | Teens / Adults | Grammar Question Practice | 20-30 minutes

Explore unreal alternatives to past events and their possible consequences.

1. GET STARTED

Take turns asking and answering. Give details and ask a follow-up. You can invent personal details.

A: Did you manage to get into the exhibition?

B: No, it was sold out. If I'd **booked** online, I **would have got** a ticket.

A: What a shame. I **would have booked** one for you if I'd **known** you wanted to go.

2. LOOKING BACK

1. If you **had left** earlier on a recent journey, what **would have changed**?
2. What **would have happened** if you **had missed** an important message?
3. If you **had chosen** a different course, how **might it have affected** you?
4. If a friend **hadn't helped** you once, what **would you have done**?
5. What **could you have done** differently if you **had had** more time last week?
6. If the weather **had been** different on a past outing, what **would you have done**?

Keep talking: What really happened? / Would that definitely have worked? / What else might have changed?

3. ALTERNATIVE OUTCOMES

State the real past facts first. Then imagine a different past and its possible result.

7. You forgot a ticket. If you **had remembered** it, how **would the day have gone**?
8. An event was cancelled. If it **had gone ahead**, what **might have happened**?
9. You accepted an invitation. If you **had turned it down**, what **would you have missed**?
10. A small mistake became a problem. What **could have prevented** it if someone **had acted**?

4. CHANGE ONE PAST DECISION

Tell your partner about a real or invented event that depended on one decision.

Change that decision. Discuss two likely results and one less certain possibility.

Example: If we'd **checked** the forecast, we **would have taken** the indoor route.

Explain which alternative would have been better, and why.

Answer help: If ... had ..., ... would / could / might have ...

Remember: Both the condition and result refer to an unreal past; don't put would in the if-clause.