

MIXED CONDITIONALS

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

Connect an unreal past with a present result, or a present trait with a past result.

1. GET STARTED

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

A: Do you still regret turning down that job abroad?

B: A little. If I'd **accepted** it, I'd **be living** by the sea now.

A: Maybe, but if you **weren't** so attached to this place, you **would have taken** it.

2. PAST CHOICES, PRESENT RESULTS

1. If you **had chosen** a different subject, what **would you be doing** now?
2. If you **hadn't met** a close friend, how **would your life be** different today?
3. If you **had moved** elsewhere years ago, where **would you be living** now?
4. If you **had learned** a useful skill earlier, how **would it help** you today?
5. If you **had kept** an old habit, how **would your routine be** different now?
6. If an important past event **hadn't happened**, what **would be** different now?

Keep talking: Which part is past? / What's the present result? / Is that result certain?

3. PRESENT TRAITS, PAST RESULTS

Imagine a different present characteristic that also applied at the time of the past event.

7. If you **were** less shy, what **would you have said** in a past conversation?
8. If you **didn't dislike** crowds, what event **might you have attended** last year?
9. If you **were** better at navigation, how **would a past journey have gone**?
10. If you **spoke** another language fluently, what past opportunity **could you have taken**?

4. TRACE THE CONSEQUENCES

Invent someone whose past decision affects their life today. Describe the real situation.

Imagine a different decision and two present consequences. Then change a lasting personality trait.

Example: If Jo'd **trained** as a chef, she'd **work** in a restaurant now.

Explain how the different trait would have changed one of Jo's past decisions.

Answer help: If I'd ..., I'd ... now. / If I were ..., I would have ... then.

Remember: Choose the tense by the time of each part, not by one automatic pattern.