

Exercise 3

Read the information. Then choose the correct sentences to match the types of conditional shown in bold.

Type of conditional	If clause (situation)	Result clause
Second (hypothetical present situation with hypothetical present or future result)	<i>If</i> + past simple / past continuous	<i>would</i> + verb
Third (hypothetical past situation with hypothetical past result)	<i>If</i> + past perfect / past perfect continuous	<i>would have</i> + past participle
Mixed 1 (hypothetical past situation with present result)	<i>If</i> + past perfect / past perfect continuous	<i>would</i> + verb
Mixed 2 (hypothetical present situation with past result)	<i>If</i> + past simple / past continuous	<i>would have</i> + past participle

Remember:

- *Would* can be replaced by *could* or *might*.
- There are some possible variations on the *if* clause. For example, we might use an inversion (*If he had known* = *Had he known*) or express the *if* clause with a paraphrase (*Without his rule* = *If he had not ruled*).

1. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**

- If he had become president, he would completely reform the tax system.
- If he had become president, he would have completely reformed the tax system.

2. **THIRD CONDITIONAL**

- There won't have been a constitutional crisis if he hadn't abdicated without warning.
- There wouldn't have been a constitutional crisis if he hadn't abdicated without warning.

3. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- If everyone paid their taxes, the country would have a stronger economy.
- If everyone pays their taxes, the country will have a stronger economy.

4. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- If Queen Joanna of Castile hadn't been declared mad, she might have continued to rule Spain until her death in 1555.
- If Queen Joanna of Castile wasn't declared mad, she might have continued to rule Spain until her death in 1555.

5. THIRD CONDITIONAL

- Had the emperor spared the prisoners' lives, they would have become loyal citizens.
- Would the emperor have spared the prisoners' lives, they had become loyal citizens.

6. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- The legal system would be fairer if judges came from a wider cross-section of society.
- The legal system would be fairer if judges come from a wider cross-section of society.

7. SECOND CONDITIONAL

- The approach of officials would change if the government made them more accountable for their actions.
- The approach of officials would have changed if the government made them more accountable for their actions.

8. MIXED CONDITIONAL 1 (PAST SITUATION WITH PRESENT RESULT)

- Had the prime minister resigned sooner, the country wouldn't be in an economic crisis.
- Had the prime minister resigned sooner, the country wouldn't have been in an economic crisis.