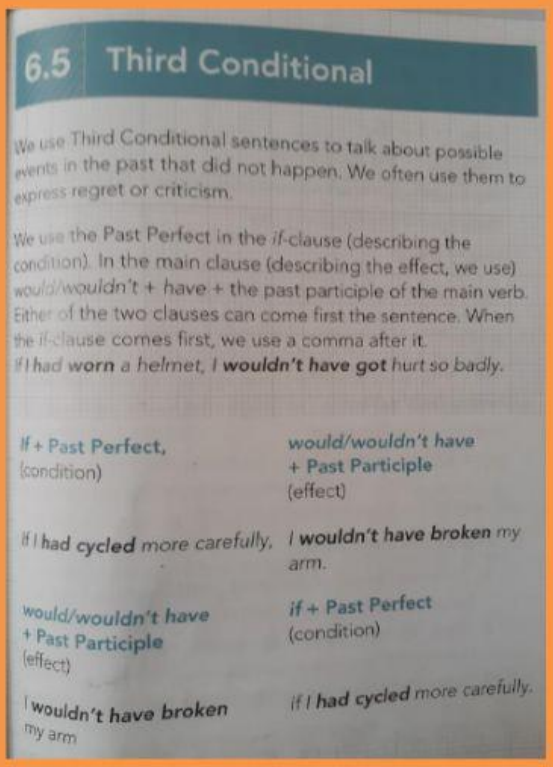

6.5 Third Conditional

We use Third Conditional sentences to talk about possible events in the past that did not happen. We often use them to express regret or criticism.

We use the Past Perfect in the *if*-clause (describing the condition). In the main clause (describing the effect, we use) would/wouldn't + have + the past participle of the main verb. Either of the two clauses can come first the sentence. When the if-clause comes first, we use a comma after it.
If I had ***worn*** *a helmet, I* ***wouldn't have got*** *hurt so badly.*

If + Past Perfect, (condition)	would/wouldn't have + Past Participle (effect)
If I had cycled more carefully,	I wouldn't have broken my arm.
would/wouldn't have + Past Participle (effect)	if + Past Perfect (condition)
I wouldn't have broken my arm	if I had cycled more carefully.

1) Match the sentence beginnings 1-5 with the endings a-f.

1. **We would have lost our way _____**
2. **If you had left earlier, _____**
3. **They wouldn't have got into difficulties _____**
4. **If she had known his real character, _____**
5. **If I had prepared for that trip better, _____**

a. **she wouldn't have married him.**
b. **if the rescue team had arrived earlier.**
c. **you would have caught the train.**
d. **if we hadn't had our GPS with us.**
e. **I would have enjoyed it much more!**

2) Complete the Third Conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. **_____ (the explorers/survive) if they _____ (take) better equipment?**
2. **If Liu _____ (not warn) me, I _____ (make) a serious mistake.**
3. **If you _____ (leave) an hour earlier, _____ (you/miss) the plane?**
4. **If I _____ (not take) a torch with me, I _____ (not find) my way out.**
5. **What _____ (you/do) if your parents _____ (not let) you take a gap year?**
6. **If Tom _____ (not find) a hospital quickly, he _____ (die) after the snake bite.**