



Third conditional

if past perfect, would/could/might+ have+ VB-ed/III

Read the personal stories and complete the sentences using the verbs in brackets and appropriate third conditional tenses.

Henry

I was disappointed when I didn't pass my basic accounting course the first time. I had to take the class again, but that's where I met my partner! We've just celebrated our five-year anniversary!

- 1 If Henry _____ (fail) his course, he w _____ (take) the class again.
- 2 If he _____ (be) in that class, he m _____ (met) his partner.

Freda

My father was a mechanic until he hurt his back quite badly. He then decided to go back to university and become an architect. He actually designed my house!

- 3 If Freda's father _____ (hurt) his back, he w _____ (become) an architect.
- 4 If he _____ (go) back to university, he c _____ (design) Freda's house.

Carlo

I couldn't stand poetry until high school, where I had an inspiring English teacher who taught me about how poets are often also activists for change. He encouraged me to enter a poetry competition and, surprisingly, I won!

- 5 If Carlo _____ (have) a different teacher, he m _____ (change) his mind about poetry.
- 6 If the teacher _____ (encourage) Carlos, he w _____ (enter) the competition.

Jennifer

Once I missed a flight to visit my brother because I fell asleep in an airport chair. I had to use all my spending money to buy a new ticket, it cost a fortune.

- 7 If Jennifer _____ (fall) asleep, she w _____ (get on) her flight.
- 8 If she _____ (miss) her flight, she w _____ (have to) use all her spending money on a new ticket.

Regi

My friend had studied in Australia and she kept talking about how great it was. Guess where I went to study the year after that – Sydney!

- 9 If Regi's friend _____ (talk) so much about Australia, maybe she w _____ (decide) to study in Sydney.
- 10 If Regi's friend _____ (study) in the UK, Regi m _____ (go) there instead.

