

THIRD CONDITIONAL

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third conditional

If I'd **known** you had a problem, I **would have helped** you. 📍 9.4
If Paul **hadn't gone** to Brazil, he **wouldn't have met** his wife.
Would you **have gone** to the party if you'd **known** Lisa was there?
You **wouldn't have lost** your job if you **hadn't been** late every day.



- We normally use third conditional sentences to talk about hypothetical / imaginary situations in the past, i.e. how things could have been different in the past. Compare:
Yesterday I got up late and missed my train. (= the real situation)
If I hadn't got up late yesterday, I wouldn't have missed my train. (= the hypothetical or imaginary past situation)
- To make a third conditional, we use *if + past perfect* and *would have + past participle*. **NOT** *if I would have known you had a problem...*
- The contraction of both *had* and *would* is 'd.
If I'd have known you had a problem, I'd have helped you.
- We can use *might* or *could* instead of *would* to make the result less certain.
If she'd studied harder, she might have passed the exam.

Match the sentence halves.

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| Billy wouldn't have injured his head | <input type="checkbox"/> D | A if you'd gone to university? |
| 1 If I hadn't seen the speed camera, | <input type="checkbox"/> | B you wouldn't have caught a cold. |
| 2 Jon might have got the job | <input type="checkbox"/> | C if she'd told you the truth? |
| 3 She would have hurt herself badly | <input type="checkbox"/> | D if he'd worn his helmet. |
| 4 If Katy and Luke hadn't caught the same train, | <input type="checkbox"/> | E they wouldn't have met. |
| 5 What would you have studied | <input type="checkbox"/> | F if he'd been on time for his interview. |
| 6 How would you have got to the airport | <input type="checkbox"/> | G if they'd come with us. |
| 7 If you'd worn a warmer coat, | <input type="checkbox"/> | H if she'd fallen down the stairs. |
| 8 Your parents would have enjoyed the trip | <input type="checkbox"/> | I I wouldn't have slowed down. |
| 9 Would you have been annoyed | <input type="checkbox"/> | J if the trains had been on strike? |

Complete the third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- If Tom hadn't gone to university, he wouldn't have got a job with that company. (not go, not get)
- 1 If you _____ me to the station, I _____ my train. (not take, miss)
 - 2 We _____ the match if the referee _____ us a penalty. (not win, not give)
 - 3 You _____ the weekend if you _____ with us. (enjoy, come)
 - 4 If I _____ the theatre tickets online, they _____ more expensive. (not buy, be)
 - 5 Mike _____ his wife's birthday if she _____ him. (forget, not remind)
 - 6 If the police _____ five minutes later, they _____ the thief. (arrive, not catch)
 - 7 If you _____ me the money, I _____ to go away for the weekend. (not lend, not be able)
 - 8 That girl _____ in the river if you _____ her arm! (fall, not catch)
 - 9 We _____ the hotel if we _____ the signpost. (not find, not seen)
 - 10 If I _____ about the job, I _____ for it. (know, apply)