

MIXED CONDITIONALS

This means that the time in the if-clause is different from the time in the result.

Mixed conditionals help you to move through time.

A key idea is time but don't confuse time with verb tense.

Although we use tenses to express time, they are not always the same thing.

I **had** a dog when I was a child.

She **was cleaning** all day yesterday.

These sentences use different tense but both of them refer to the past.

There are ALL KIND of combinations but the most common is to mix the second and third conditionals:

2nd conditional → If I **had** a lot of money, I **would buy** a big car. *Si yo tuviese mucho dinero, compraria un coche grande.*

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EXERCISES

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- 2- Take another sandwich if you _____ (be) hungry.
- 3- If he weren't so gullible, she _____ (not believe) every lie you said.
- 4- If I had known she was in trouble, I _____ (help) her now.
- 5- If I had got on that plane, I _____ (be) in Berlin right now.
- 6- If you _____ (have) a mobile phone, check that it's turned off.
- 7- If I _____ (go) to her party, I would be sipping champagne right now.
- 8- If I _____ (win) the lottery, I would go on holiday all the time.
- 9- If she had picked up the phone, she _____ (regret) it now.
- 10- I _____ (lend) you the book if I have finished it before the holiday.
- 11- If he _____ (not quit) his job, he would be earning a good salary today.
- 12- If I were more athletic, I _____ (compete) in the Olympics last year.
- 13- If she weren't so tired, she _____ (go) to the theatre yesterday.
- 14- If I _____ (be) fluent in English, I would have travelled to Australia last month.
- 15- If tomorrow weren't Monday, the school _____ (not be) opened.
- 16- If you _____ (not pay) the bill by Monday, we are taking the carpets back.
- 17- If she _____ (not have) an important exam next week, would she have studied in the evening?
- 18- If I _____ (not move) next month, you wouldn't have come here now.

- 19- If I _____ (not fight) for my job, I wouldn't have a job now.
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- 25- If I weren't so busy, I _____ (offer) to help them today.
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- 29- If you weren't going on a big hike tomorrow, _____ (come) on bike ride today?
- 30- If I were more outgoing I _____ (introduce) myself yesterday.
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- 35- If Sam spoke Russian, he _____ (translate) the letter for you yesterday.
- 36- If I _____ (not have) so much vacation time, I wouldn't go with you on the cruise next week.
- 37- If Dan weren't so nice, he _____ (not tutor) you in math tonight.
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