

Third Conditional

Study this example situation:

Last month Gary was in hospital for a few days. Rachel didn't know this, so she didn't go to visit him. They met a few days ago.

Rachel said:

If I'd known you were in hospital, I **would have gone** to see you.

Rachel said: **If I'd known** (= If I **had** known) you were in hospital. This tells us that she *didn't* know.

We use **if + had ('d)** ... to talk about the past (**if I had known / had been / had done / had thought** etc.):

If + past perfect + would have + past participle.
would have + past participle + If + past perfect

If I had known, you were in hospital, I **would have gone** to see you.

I would have gone to see you, **If I had known**, you were in hospital

- I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. **If I had seen** you, I **would have said** hello. (but I didn't see you)
- I didn't go out last night. I **would have gone** out **if I hadn't been** so tired. (but I was tired)
- **If he had been looking** where he was going, he **wouldn't have walked** into the wall. (but he wasn't looking)
- The view was wonderful. **If I'd had** a camera with me, I **would have taken** some pictures. (but I didn't have a camera)