Third Conditional

A *third conditional* são sentenças condicionais usadas para falar do passado. Ela faz referência a algo que não ocorreu no passado e, portanto, pode expressar arrependimento.

Todas as orações condicionais em inglês (*if clauses*) são acompanhadas pelo termo *if* (se).

Exemplo: **If** we had saved some money, we would have bought a new phone.

(**Se** nós tivéssemos economizado dinheiro, nós teríamos comprado um telefone novo)

Formação

A *third conditional* é formada pela *if clause* e a *main clause*. A *if clause* é composta por verbos no past perfect, já a *main clause* envolve diversos verbos sendo que os mais utilizados são: would have, could have e might have.

Após a *main clause*, os verbos que surgem aparecem no past participle.

if + past perfect + would have, could have, might have + past participle

Exemplos:

1. If he **had come** on Monday, I **would have seen** him. (Se ele **tivesse vindo** na segunda, o teria visto)
2. If she **had worked** more, she **could have saved** more money. (Se ela **tivesse trabalhado** mais, **poderia ter economizado** mais dinheiro)
3. If we **had studied** harder, we **might have passed** the test. (Se nós **tivéssemos estudado** mais duro, **poderíamos ter passado** na prova)

Obs: Nas sentenças negativas, os verbos modais podem aparecer com as contrações:

Would: would not – wouldn't
Could: could not – couldn't
Might: might not – mightn't

Importante destacar que **a *main clause* pode surgir antes** da *if clause*, por exemplo:

I **would've called** him if **I'd known** him telephone number. (Eu **teria ligado** pra ele se eu **soubesse** o número de telefone dele)

Note que a contração do **would** com o **have** é: **WOULD'VE**.

EXERCISE

Put in the correct third conditional verb form:

1. If you _____ (not / be) late, we _____ (not / miss) the bus.

2. If she _____ (study), she _____ (pass) the exam.

3. If we _____ (arrive) earlier, we _____ (see) John.

4. If they _____ (go) to bed early, they _____ (not / wake) up late.

5. If he _____ (become) a musician, he _____ (record) a CD.

6. If she _____ (go) to art school, she _____ (become) a painter.

7. If I _____ (be) born in a different country, I _____ (learn) to speak a different language.

8. If she _____ (go) to university, she _____ (study) French.

9. If we _____ (not / go) to the party, we _____ (not /meet) them.

10. If he _____ (take) the job, he _____ (not / go) travelling.

11. He _____ (be) happier if he _____ (stay) at home.

12. She _____ (pass) the exam if she _____ (study) harder.

13. We _____ (not / get) married if we _____ (not / go) to the same university.

14. They _____ (be) late if they _____ (not / take) a taxi.

15. She _____ (not / meet) him if she _____ (not / come) to London.

16. He _____ (take) a taxi if he _____ (have) enough money.

17. I _____ (call) you if I _____ (not / forget) my phone.

18. We _____ (come) if we _____ (be) invited.

19. She _____ (not / do) it if she _____ (know) you were ill.

20. He _____ (be) on time if he _____ (leave) earlier.