Third Conditional

if + past perfect, + would have + past participle

We use the *third conditional* when talking about **events that have already happened.** This is used when it is impossible for the condition to be fulfilled as the time for it to happen has already passed.

If I **had started** earlier, I **would have finished** the work by now.

1. If I (know) you were sick, I (visit) you.
2. If people (have) electricity in the past, they (use) electrical appliances.
3. If I (see) the bank robbers, I (give) the police a description of them.
4. If I (not lost) my ticket, I (go) to the theatre.
5. If I (not oversleep), I (not miss) my lift to work.
6. If we (not meet), my husband and I (not got) married.
7. If I (win) the money, I (go) to France.
8. If we (left) sooner, we (got) there earlier.
9. If I (not be) sick, I (go) to your party.
10. If I (know) the traffic was so bad, I (leave) home sooner.
11. If he (treat) his wife better, she (not leave) him.
12. If she (work) harder, she (not lose) her job.
13. If he (drive) slower, he (not have) an accident.
14. If you (do) what I said, this (not happen).
15. If she (not be) with us in London, we (got) lost.
16. If I (know) how cold it would be, I (take) my coat.
17. If I (buy) a different car, I (not have) all these problems.
18. If I (save) enough money, I (go) overseas.

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Now let us turn the sentence around and put the main clause first.

would have + past participle + if + past perfect

I **would have finished** the work by now if I **had started** earlier.

1. I (visit) you if I (know) you were sick.
2. People (use) electrical appliances in the past if they (have) electricity.
3. I (give) the police a description of them if I (see) the bank robbers.
4. I (go) to the theatre if I (not lost) my ticket.
5. I (not miss) my lift to work if I (not oversleep).
6. My husband and I (got) married if we (not meet).
7. I (go) to France if I (win) the money.
8. We (got) there earlier if we (leave) sooner.
9. I (go) to your party if I (not be) sick.
10. I (leave) home sooner if I (know) that the traffic was so bad.
11. His wife (not leave) him, if he (treat) her better.
12. She (not lose) her job if she (work) harder.
13. He (not have) an accident if he (drive) slower.
14. This (not happen) if you (do) what I said.
15. We (got) lost if she (not be) with us in London.
16. I (take) my coat if I (know) how cold it would be.
17. I (not have) all these problems if I (buy) a different car.
18. I (go) overseas if I (save) enough money.

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