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Mixed Conditionals

🟣 Mixed conditionals are a combination of two types of conditional patterns, usually second and third conditionals.

🟣 They are used to talk about **hypothetical** or **unreal situations**

🎯 Second + third conditional

If I were you , I would have given him the job.

↓ Second conditional ↓ Third conditional

🙃 We use this combination to talk about a hypothetical condition happening in the present (second conditional) with a past result (third conditional).

Examples:

- If I **didn't have** so much work, I **would have gone** to the party last night.
- I **would have understood** them if I **spoke** German.

🎯 Third + second conditional

If I had won the lottery , I would be rich

↓ Third conditional ↓ Second conditional

🙃 We use this combination to talk about a hypothetical condition happening in the past (third conditional) with a present result (second conditional).

Examples:

- If I **had been elected**, I **would be** the president now.
- I **might have** a better job now if I **hadn't dropped out** of university.

🔵 Extra:

- When we use past perfect in the *if clause* and **would/could/might** + infinitive in the main clause.

Example:

If I *had worked* harder, I ***might*** *get* the prize.

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Complete each sentence by modifying the given verb to fit the mixed conditional structure.

1. They would be on holidays by now, if the airport workers _____(not/go) on strike.
2. We _____ (be) on holiday now, if you _____ (remember) to book it!
3. Mark would still be driving the car if he _____ (not catch) by the police for speeding.
4. If I _____ (study) harder at university, I _____ (be) earning as much as my friends.
5. If they'd worked for their pocket money when they were children, then they _____ (understand) the value of money.
6. I _____ (take) her to the station if she _____ (do) my French homework.
7. I know it's just a dream, but what _____ (you do) if we _____ (win) the lottery?
8. She was lucky. If she _____ (not miss) the flight she _____ (not be) with us today.
9. I don't believe he'll ever stop, but he _____ (give up) smoking his health _____ (improve)
10. (you give) _____ him the money if you _____ (know) how he was going to spend it?
11. If I _____ (be) in charge I _____ (make) some big changes, but I am just a temporary worker.
12. I'm so stupid, If I _____ (remember) lock up my bike, it _____ (not be stolen)
13. If Hannah _____ (know) the truth about Duncan she _____ (think twice) before marrying him.

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