

GRAMMAR: THIRD CONDITIONAL

Look at this sentence:

If we *hadn't had* the playground to play in, we *would have been* very bored.

1. Did they have the playground to play in? _____
2. Were they very bored? _____

REMEMBER

- The structure of the third conditional is: **if + past perfect, would have + past participle.**
- Both clauses in a third conditional sentence are hypothetical (i.e. they didn't really happen).
- Instead of *would*, we can also use *might* and *could* in the result clause, with *could* showing ability/possibility and *might* showing less certainty or possibility.

1. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- a. If I _____ (train) harder when I was on the track, I would probably _____ (improve) on my personal best.
- b. She _____ (finish) second if she _____ (not fall) over at the start.
- c. The event _____ (cancel) if there _____ (not be) enough entrants.
- d. They might _____ (participate) if the entry fee _____ (cost) less.
- e. If the race _____ (not take place) on a Saturday, I _____ (not take part).
- f. If she _____ (drink) more water, she _____ (not be) so dehydrated.

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