

# THIRD CONDITIONAL

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## third conditional

If I'd **known** you had a problem, I **would have helped** you. 9.4

If Paul **hadn't gone** to Brazil, he **wouldn't have met** his wife.

**Would** you **have gone** to the party if you'd **known** Lisa was there?

You **wouldn't have lost** your job if you **hadn't been** late every day.



- We normally use third conditional sentences to talk about hypothetical / imaginary situations in the past, i.e. how things could have been different in the past. Compare:  
*Yesterday I got up late and missed my train.* (= the real situation)  
*If I hadn't got up late yesterday, I wouldn't have missed my train.* (= the hypothetical or imaginary past situation)
- To make a third conditional, we use *if + past perfect* and *would have + past participle*. **NOT** *If I would have known you had a problem...*
- The contraction of both *had* and *would* is *'d*.  
*If I'd have known you had a problem, I'd have helped you.*
- We can use *might* or *could* instead of *would* to make the result less certain.  
*If she'd studied harder, she might have passed the exam.*

## Match the sentence halves.

Billy wouldn't have injured his head

- 1 If I hadn't seen the speed camera,
- 2 Jon might have got the job
- 3 She would have hurt herself badly
- 4 If Katy and Luke hadn't caught the same train,
- 5 What would you have studied
- 6 How would you have got to the airport
- 7 If you'd worn a warmer coat,
- 8 Your parents would have enjoyed the trip
- 9 Would you have been annoyed

- D**
- A if you'd gone to university?
  - B you wouldn't have caught a cold.
  - C if she'd told you the truth?
  - D if he'd worn his helmet.
  - E they wouldn't have met.
  - F if he'd been on time for his interview.
  - G if they'd come with us.
  - H if she'd fallen down the stairs.
  - I I wouldn't have slowed down.
  - J if the trains had been on strike?

## Complete the third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

If Tom **hadn't gone** to university, he **wouldn't have got** a job with that company. (not go, not get)

- 1 If you \_\_\_\_\_ me to the station, I \_\_\_\_\_ my train. (not take, miss)
- 2 We \_\_\_\_\_ the match if the referee \_\_\_\_\_ us a penalty. (not win, not give)
- 3 You \_\_\_\_\_ the weekend if you \_\_\_\_\_ with us. (enjoy, come)
- 4 If I \_\_\_\_\_ the theatre tickets online, they \_\_\_\_\_ more expensive. (not buy, be)
- 5 Mike \_\_\_\_\_ his wife's birthday if she \_\_\_\_\_ him. (forget, not remind)
- 6 If the police \_\_\_\_\_ five minutes later, they \_\_\_\_\_ the thief. (arrive, not catch)
- 7 If you \_\_\_\_\_ me the money, I \_\_\_\_\_ to go away for the weekend. (not lend, not be able)
- 8 That girl \_\_\_\_\_ in the river if you \_\_\_\_\_ her arm! (fall, not catch)
- 9 We \_\_\_\_\_ the hotel if we \_\_\_\_\_ the signpost. (not find, not seen)
- 10 If I \_\_\_\_\_ about the job, I \_\_\_\_\_ for it. (know, apply)