

## The Third Conditional

**if + past perfect, + would have + past participle  
would have + past participle + if + past perfect**

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

**Exercises:** Be sure to use the contracted form of the verb i.e. 'hadn't' rather than 'had not'.

1. If I (know) you were coming, I (bake) a cake.
2. If I (accept) that promotion, I (work) in Milan.
3. If it (not/rain), I (got) wet.
4. If she (see) the ball, it (not/hit) her on the head.
5. If he (go) to art school, he (become) a painter.
6. They (be) late if they (not take) a taxi.
7. We (come) if we (be) invited.
8. I (call) you, if I (not/forgot) my phone.
9. If he (not/take) the job, he (not go) to Ireland.
10. I (be) able to pay you, if I (not lost) my money.
11. If she (cut) her hair, she (look) better.
12. If you (help) me, I (finish) sooner.
13. We (not/do) it, if we (know) you were ill.
14. He (be) rich by now if he (become) a musician.
15. If he (eat) a proper lunch, he (not/be) hungry now.