Third conditional

❖ We normally use third conditional sentences to talk about how things could have been different in the past, i.e. for hypothetical/imaginary situations. 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 situation)

❖ To make a third conditional, use *if + past perfect* and *would have + past partiple*

❖ The contraction of both *had* and *would* is **'d**

❖ 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.

Complete the third condtional sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1. If you_____me to the airport, I _____my flight. (not take, miss)
2. We _____the match if the referee _____us a penalti. (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 pólice _____ 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. You _____ yourself if you _____ off the horse. (hurt, fall)
9. We _____ the hotel if we _____ the signpost. (not find, not seen)
10. If I _____ about the job, I _____ for it. (know, apply)