

1. Match the sentence halves

Exercise 1. Match the beginnings (1–8) with the endings (a–h) to make logical Third Conditional sentences about environmental problems.

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| 1. If people had recycled more plastic waste, | a) many species of animals would not have become extinct. |
| 2. If humans had not burned so much fossil fuel, | b) the greenhouse effect would not have become so dangerous. |
| 3. If we had protected the rainforests better, | c) there would have been much less pollution in the oceans. |
| 4. If factories had used cleaner technologies earlier, | d) air quality in big cities would have been much better. |
| 5. If governments had introduced stricter laws on pollution, | e) climate change would not have progressed so quickly. |
| 6. If more people had reduced their carbon footprint, | f) we would have saved a lot of natural resources. |
| 7. If countries had stored nuclear waste safely, | g) there would have been fewer environmental disasters. |
| 8. If hunters had not killed so many endangered animals, | h) global warming would have been slowed down significantly. |

2. Choose the correct form

Exercise 2. Choose the correct option (a, b or c) to complete each sentence. Use either the **Second Conditional** or the **Third Conditional**.

- If people _____ more environmentally friendly now, they _____ so much waste every day.
a) were / wouldn't produce
b) had been / wouldn't produce
c) had been / wouldn't have produced
- If humans _____ so many forests in the past, many animal species _____ extinct today.
a) didn't destroy / would become
b) hadn't destroyed / would become
c) hadn't destroyed / would have become
- If we _____ renewable energy sources more often, global warming _____ slower.
a) used/ would slow down
b) had used / would slow down
c) had used / would have slowed down
- If factories _____ chemicals into rivers years ago, the water _____ so contaminated now.
a) hadn't dumped / wouldn't be
b) didn't dump / wouldn't be
c) hadn't dumped / wouldn't have been

5. If more countries _____ strict environmental laws right now, the situation _____ much better in the future.
 - a) introduced / would be
 - b) had introduced / would be
 - c) had introduced / would have been
6. If people _____ plastic bags less in the past, our oceans _____ full of plastic today.
 - a) didn't use / wouldn't be
 - b) hadn't used / wouldn't be
 - c) hadn't used / wouldn't have been
7. If governments _____ faster against climate change today, we _____ many future disasters.
 - a) acted / would avoid
 - b) had acted / would avoid
 - c) had acted / would have avoided
8. If humans _____ more responsible with fossil fuels in the last century, the greenhouse effect _____ so strong now.
 - a) were / wouldn't be
 - b) had been / wouldn't be
 - c) had been / wouldn't have become

3. Complete the sentences

Exercise 3. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets. Use either the **Second Conditional** or the **Third Conditional**.

1. If people (recycle) _____ more now, we (save) _____ a lot of natural resources.
2. If humans (not / cut down) _____ so many trees in the past, the climate (not / change) _____ so dramatically.
3. If we (use) _____ public transport every day, air pollution (be) _____ much lower.
4. If factories (adopt) _____ cleaner technologies years ago, the air in big cities (be) _____ much healthier today.
5. If more people (be) _____ aware of their carbon footprint right now, they (reduce) _____ it significantly.
6. If governments (introduce) _____ stricter laws earlier, many environmental disasters (happen) _____.
7. If we (protect) _____ endangered species better in the past, many animals (still / exist) _____ today.
8. If countries (switch) _____ to renewable energy now, global warming (slow down) _____ noticeable.

