Mixed Conditionals Worksheet: Past and Present

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Form	Example
If + past perfect, would + verb (past cause → present result)	If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now.
If + past simple, would have + participle (present fact → past result)	If I were more organised, I wouldn't have missed the flight.
Start from the real facts	I didn't save money, so I can't buy a house.
Mixed with could / might	If she had taken the job, she might be happier.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
If I studied more last year, I would have a better job now.	If I had studied more last year, I would have a better job now.
If I would have taken the job, I would be rich.	If I had taken the job, I would be rich.
If I wasn't afraid of flying, I would go to the wedding last year.	If I weren't afraid of flying, I would have gone to the wedding last year.

1. Complete

Complete the mixed conditionals with the verbs in brackets.

1. If I _____ (not / miss) the train, I _____ (be) at the meeting now.
2. If she _____ (speak) Spanish, she _____ (get) the job last year.
3. If we _____ (buy) that house, we _____ (live) by the sea now.
4. If he _____ (be) more careful, he _____ (not / break) his phone.
5. If I _____ (go) to bed earlier, I _____ (not / feel) so tired now.
6. If they _____ (not / be) so rich, they _____ (not / buy) a yacht.
7. If you _____ (take) my advice, you _____ (not / be) in this situation.
8. If I _____ (know) how to swim, I _____ (join) them in the lake yesterday.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. If I had saved money, I (would have / would have had) a car now.
2. If she (were / had been) taller, she would have been a model.
3. If they hadn't met, their children (wouldn't exist / wouldn't have existed) now.
4. If I (weren't / hadn't been) so shy, I would have spoken to her.
5. If he had listened, he (would know / would have known) the answer now.
6. If I (had been born / was born) in Japan, I would speak Japanese.
7. If you (didn't eat / hadn't eaten) all that cake, you wouldn't feel sick.
8. If we lived closer, we (would have visited / visited) you more often last year.

3. Correct the mistakes

Each sentence has one mistake. Write it correctly.

1. If I would have known, I would be there now.
2. If she had taken the job, she would have been living in Paris now.
3. If I wasn't so lazy, I would finish the report yesterday.
4. If he had studied law, he would has a good salary.
5. If they hadn't sold the house, they would have been living there now.
6. If I spoke French, I would understand the film last night.

Writing

Think of three important decisions in your life. Write 6 mixed conditional sentences about how your life would be different now, or what you would have done differently because of who you are.

Speaking

- What would your life be like now if you had chosen a different career?
- If you were a different kind of person, what would you have done differently last year?
- If you had been born in another country, how would you be different?
- Which small past decision has had a big effect on your life now?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 hadn't missed … would be · 2 spoke … would have got · 3 had bought … would be living · 4 were / was … wouldn't have broken · 5 had gone … wouldn't feel · 6 weren't … wouldn't have bought · 7 had taken … wouldn't be · 8 knew … would have joined

2. Choose: 1 would have · 2 were · 3 wouldn't exist · 4 weren't · 5 would know · 6 had been born · 7 hadn't eaten · 8 would have visited

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 If I had known, I would be there now. · 2 If she had taken the job, she would be living in Paris now. · 3 If I weren't so lazy, I would have finished the report yesterday. · 4 If he had studied law, he would have a good salary. · 5 If they hadn't sold the house, they would be living there now. · 6 If I spoke French, I would have understood the film last night.

Writing, model answer: If I hadn't moved to Barcelona, I wouldn't speak Catalan now. If I had studied engineering, I would probably be earning more. If I hadn't met Laura at that party, I wouldn't be married now. I'm very impatient, so if I were calmer, I wouldn't have argued with my boss last week. If I weren't afraid of heights, I would have gone paragliding on holiday. If I had started saving earlier, I would have my own flat.