Third Conditional Worksheet with Answers

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Form	Example
If + past perfect, would have + past participle	If I had known, I would have helped.
Imagined past: it did not happen	If we had left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the train.
could have / might have	If you had asked, I might have said yes.
Mixed: past condition → present result	If I had studied medicine, I would be a doctor now.

Typical mistakes

× Learners often say	✓ Say instead
If I had known, I would told you.	If I had known, I would have told you.
If I would have studied, I would have passed.	If I had studied, I would have passed.
If she didn't miss the bus, she would have arrived on time.	If she hadn't missed the bus, she would have arrived on time.

1. Complete

Complete with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I _____ (know) you were coming, I _____ (make) a cake.
2. She _____ (not / miss) the bus if she _____ (get up) earlier.
3. If we _____ (take) a map, we _____ (not / get) lost.
4. If it _____ (not / rain), we _____ (have) a picnic.
5. He _____ (pass) the exam if he _____ (study) more.
6. If you _____ (tell) me, I _____ (help) you.
7. What _____ you _____ (do) if you _____ (not / become) a teacher?
8. If they _____ (leave) on time, they _____ (arrive) before dark.
9. I _____ (not / buy) the car if I _____ (see) the reviews.
10. If she _____ (not / move) to Berlin, she _____ (not / meet) her husband.

2. Choose

Circle the correct option.

1. If I (had seen / saw) him yesterday, I would have told him.
2. If you had called, I (would come / would have come).
3. If I had taken that job, I (would live / would have lived) in Rome now.
4. She (could have won / could win) if she had trained harder.
5. If we (hadn't / didn't) argue, we would still be friends.
6. I wish I (had listened / listened) to you last week.
7. If he had been careful, he (wouldn't have broken / didn't break) it.
8. If I (would have known / had known), I'd have come.

3. Correct the mistakes

Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1. If I would have known, I would have come.

2. If she had asked me, I would helped her.

3. If we left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane.

4. I would have went if you had invited me.

5. If he hadn't ate so much, he wouldn't have felt ill.

6. If I had studied law, I would have been a lawyer now.

Writing

Think of an important decision or a lucky moment in your life. Write 6 sentences about how things would have been different, using the third conditional.

Speaking

- Think of an important decision in your life. What would have happened if you had decided differently?
- What would you have done differently at school?
- Chain story: 'I overslept.' If I hadn't overslept, I wouldn't have... Keep going for six sentences.
- If you had been born in another country, how would your life be different now?

Answer key

1. Complete: 1 had known … would have made · 2 wouldn't have missed … had got up · 3 had taken … wouldn't have got · 4 hadn't rained … would have had · 5 would have passed … had studied · 6 had told … would / could have helped · 7 would … have done … hadn't become · 8 had left … would have arrived · 9 wouldn't have bought … had seen · 10 hadn't moved … wouldn't have met

2. Choose: 1 had seen · 2 would have come · 3 would live · 4 could have won · 5 hadn't · 6 had listened · 7 wouldn't have broken · 8 had known

3. Correct the mistakes: 1 If I had known, I would have come. · 2 If she had asked me, I would have helped her. · 3 If we had left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the plane. · 4 I would have gone if you had invited me. · 5 If he hadn't eaten so much, he wouldn't have felt ill. · 6 If I had studied law, I would be a lawyer now.

Writing, model answer: Five years ago I almost didn't go to a friend's party. If I had stayed at home, I wouldn't have met my partner. If we hadn't started talking about music, we wouldn't have become friends. If she hadn't moved to my city a year later, we wouldn't be together now. I would have missed the best thing that ever happened to me.