

Third Conditional Practice Worksheet

Grammar, meaning, common mistakes, and exam-style practice

Form	If + past perfect, would have + past participle
Use	Unreal past situations, regrets, missed opportunities, imagined past results

Instructions: Complete the exercises without looking at the answer key. Write full answers where possible.

A. Complete the sentences

Use the correct third conditional form of the verbs in brackets.

- If I _____ (know) about the meeting, I _____ (come).
- If they _____ (leave) earlier, they _____ (catch) the train.
- We _____ (not/get) lost if you _____ (bring) the map.
- If she _____ (study) harder, she _____ (pass) the exam.
- If he _____ (not/spend) so much money, he _____ (save) more.
- If I _____ (see) the warning sign, I _____ (turn back).
- They _____ (not/miss) the flight if they _____ (set) an alarm.
- If you _____ (tell) me the truth, I _____ (help) you.
- If the weather _____ (be) better, we _____ (go) to the beach.
- If Martin _____ (write) the email, he _____ (use) more polite language.

B. Choose the best option

Circle or underline the correct answer.

- If I had seen / saw him, I would have told him.
- She would have passed if she studied / had studied more.
- If they had booked earlier, they could get / could have got cheaper tickets.
- If we would have known / had known, we would have called you.
- He might have avoided the accident if he drove / had driven more carefully.
- If I had had more time, I would visit / would have visited the museum.

C. Rewrite the sentences

Rewrite each sentence using the third conditional.

1. I missed the bus because I woke up late.
→ If _____.
2. She did not apply for the job, so she did not get it.
→ If _____.
3. We did not book a table, so we could not eat there.
→ If _____.
4. He forgot his umbrella, so he got soaked.
→ If _____.
5. They did not ask for directions, so they got lost.
→ If _____.
6. I did not revise enough, so I felt nervous in the exam.
→ If _____.

D. Find and correct the mistakes

1. If I would have known, I would have helped.
2. If she had studied more, she would pass the exam.
3. If they had took a taxi, they would have arrived on time.
4. If he had not forgot the key, we would have got in.
5. If we knew earlier, we would have told you yesterday.
6. If I had seen the sign, I will have stopped.

E. Cambridge-style sentence transformations

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first one. Use between two and five words, including the word given.

1. I did not go to the concert because I had too much work.

HAVE

If I _____ to the concert.

2. She forgot his birthday, so he was upset.

NOT

If she _____ upset.

3. We did not leave early enough, so we missed the beginning.

HAVE

If we _____ the beginning.

4. The weather was terrible, so we stayed at home.

BEEN

If the weather _____ out.

5. Tom did not train properly, so he lost the match.

WON

Tom _____ properly.

F. Write your own sentences

Complete the prompts with your own ideas.

1. If I had been born in another country, _____.

2. If I had chosen a different career, _____.

3. If I had studied harder at school, _____.

4. If I had met my best friend earlier, _____.

Answer Key

A. Complete the sentences

1. had known / would have come
2. had left / would have caught
3. would not have got / had brought
4. had studied / would have passed
5. had not spent / would have saved
6. had seen / would have turned back
7. would not have missed / had set
8. had told / would have helped
9. had been / would have gone
10. had written / might have used (or would have used)

B. Choose the best option

1. had seen
2. had studied
3. could have got
4. had known
5. had driven
6. would have visited

C. Rewrite the sentences

1. If I had not woken up late, I would not have missed the bus.
2. If she had applied for the job, she might / would have got it.
3. If we had booked a table, we could have eaten there.
4. If he had not forgotten his umbrella, he would not have got soaked.
5. If they had asked for directions, they would not have got lost.
6. If I had revised enough, I would not have felt nervous in the exam.

D. Correct the mistakes

1. If I had known, I would have helped.
2. If she had studied more, she would have passed the exam.
3. If they had taken a taxi, they would have arrived on time.
4. If he had not forgotten the key, we would have got in.
5. If we had known earlier, we would have told you yesterday.
6. If I had seen the sign, I would have stopped.

E. Cambridge-style sentence transformations

1. If I had not had too much work, I would have gone to the concert.
2. If she had not forgotten his birthday, he would not have been upset.
3. If we had left early enough, we would not have missed the beginning.
4. If the weather had been better, we would have gone out.
5. Tom would have won the match if he had trained properly.

Teaching note

Accept sensible alternatives that use correct third conditional structure.