

Conditional Sentences Type III

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What is the third conditional?

The third conditional, also known as type-III if-clause, looks back at a past situation and its outcome and imagines them as different. It is the only conditional structure that talks about the past rather than the present or future. Because third conditional if-clauses talk about a past situation that did not happen, they are also known as the impossible conditional.

Example:

I didn't study. I didn't pass the exam. (reality)

but: If I had studied, I would have passed the exam. (imagined past)

Typical contexts for third conditional if-clauses include:

expressing regrets, giving criticism and feedback, reflecting on the past

Choose the correct verb form.

1. If I had woken up earlier, I _ the bus to school.

☐ caught ☐ caught ☐ would have caught

2. If my sister had practiced more, she _ better in the concert.

☐ would have played ☐ play ☐ played

3. If it hadn't rained, we _ for a picnic in the park.

☐ go ☐ would have gone ☐ went

4. If you had listened carefully, you _ the teacher's instructions.

☐ heard ☐ hear ☐ would have heard

5. If they had arrived on time, they _ the entire movie.

☐ watched ☐ watch ☐ would have watched

6. If he had studied harder, he _ the exam with flying colors.

☐ pass ☐ passed ☐ would have passed

7. If my parents had bought me a guitar, I _ how to play it.

☐ learn ☐ learned ☐ would have learned

8. If we had saved money, we _ on a trip to the beach.

☐ go ☐ would have gone ☐ went

Mark the verb forms of the conditional sentence type III.

If I had woken up early, I would have caught the first bus.

If he had practiced basketball regularly, he would have become a great player.

If they had studied the map, they would have reached their destination on time.

If she had taken her medicines on time, she would have recovered from the illness sooner.

If the weather had been better, we would have gone to the beach.

If he had saved money, he would have bought a new bicycle.

If she had listened to her parents, she would have avoided serious problems.

If he had worn a helmet while biking, he wouldn't have hurt his head.

Write the correct verb form into the panels.

If I had known how to swim, I _____ (to jump) in the pool.

If you had come earlier, we _____ (to catch) the train.

If it had rained yesterday, we _____ (to stay) at home.

If he had listened to his teacher, he _____ (to learn) something new.

If they had taken the wrong way, they _____ (to get) lost.

If she had woken up late, she _____ (to miss) the bus.

If we had had enough money, we _____ (to buy) a new car.

If you had eaten too much, you _____ (to feel) sick.