

The Third Conditional

We make the third conditional by using the past perfect (=had + past participle) after 'if' and then 'would have' and the past participle in the second part of the sentence:

- if + past perfect, ...would + have + past participle

It talks about the past. It's used to describe a situation that didn't happen, and to imagine the result of this situation.

- If she **had studied**, she **would have passed** the exam (but, really we know she didn't study and so she didn't pass)
- I **wouldn't have felt** sick if I **hadn't eaten** so much (but I did eat a lot, and so I did feel sick).

Notice we can put "if" at the beginning or in the middle of the sentence, it doesn't matter.

Put in the correct third conditional verb form:

1. If you _____ (not / be) late, we _____ (not / miss) the bus.
2. If she _____ (study), she _____ (pass) the exam.
3. He _____ (be) happier if he _____ (stay) at home.
4. They _____ (be) late if they _____ (not / take) a taxi.

Complete the sentences with your own ideas:

5. If he had become a musician, he _____
6. If she had gone to art school, she _____
7. She wouldn't have met him if she _____
8. He would have been on time if he _____

Translate into French:

9. If we hadn't gone to the party, we wouldn't have met them.
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10. If he had taken the job, he wouldn't have gone travelling.

11. We would have come if we had been invited.

12. He would have taken a taxi if he had had enough money.

Translate into English:

13. Si on était arrivé plus tôt, on aurait vu John.

14. S'ils s'étaient couchés de bonne heure, ils ne se seraient pas réveillés si tard.

15. Elle ne l'aurait pas fait si elle avait su que tu étais malade.

16. Je t'aurais appelé si je n'avais pas oublié mon téléphone.

Now write some sentences of your own.

17. _____

18. _____

19. _____

20. _____