**TYPE 3 CONDITIONAL SENTENCES**

**1. Function**

Type 3 conditional sentences, are truly hypothetical or unreal, because it is now too late for the condition or its result to exist.

The type 3 conditional is used to refer to a time that is in the past, and a situation that is contrary to reality (not real in the past). The facts they are based on are the opposite of what is expressed.

The type 3 conditional is used to refer to an unreal past condition and its probable past result.

**2. Form**

In a Type 3 conditional sentence, the tense in the 'if' clause is the past perfect, and the tense in the main clause is the perfect conditional:

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| If clause | Main clause |
| If + past perfect | Perfect conditional |
| If it had rained | You would have got wet |
| If you had worked harder | You would have passed the exam. |

As in all conditional sentences, the order of the clauses is not fixed. You may have to rearrange the pronouns and adjust punctuation when you change the order of the clauses, but the meaning is identical.

**Examples**

\*If it had rained, you would have gotten wet. = You would have gotten wet if it had rained.

\*You would have passed your exam if you had worked harder. = If you had worked harder, you would have passed your exam.

\*I would have believed you if you hadn't lied to me before. = If you hadn't lied to me before, I would have believed you.

**Perfect conditional - form**

The perfect conditional of any verb is composed of two elements: would + the perfect infinitive of the main verb (=have + past participle):

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| **Subject** | **would** | **perfect infinitive** |
| He They | would would | have gone... have stayed... |
| **Affirmative** | | |
| I | would | have believed ... |
| **Negative** | | |
| She | wouldn't | have given... |
| **Interrogative** | | |
| Would | you | have left...? |
| **Interrogative negative** | | |
| Wouldn't | he | have been...? |

Example:***to go****,*Past conditional

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| **Affirmative** | **Negative** | **Interrogative** |
| **I** would have gone | I wouldn't have gone | Would I have gone? |
| **You** would have gone | You wouldn't have gone | Would you have gone? |
| **He**would have gone | **She** wouldn't have gone | Would it have gone? |
| **We** would have gone | We wouldn't have gone | Would we have gone? |
| **You** would have gone | You wouldn't have gone | Would you have gone? |
| **They** would have gone | They wouldn't have gone | Would they have gone? |

In these sentences, the time is past, and the situation is contrary to reality. The facts they are based on are the opposite of what is expressed.

Type 3 conditional sentences, are truly hypothetical or unreal, because it is now too late for the condition or its result to exist. There is always an unspoken "but..." phrase:

If I had worked harder I would have passed the exam

(but I didn't work hard, and I didn't pass the exam).

If I'd known you were coming I'd have baked a cake

(but I didn't know, and I haven't baked a cake).

NOTE: Both would and had can be contracted to 'd, ++which can be confusing.

Remember that:

1. would never appears in the if-clause so if 'd appears in the if clause, it must be abbreviating had. So in the examples above, "If I'd known" must be "If I had known", and "I'd have baked" must be "I would have baked.."

2. had never appears before have so if 'd appears on a pronoun just before have, it must be abbreviating would.

**Examples**

* a. If ***I'd known*** you were in hospital, I ***would have visited*** you.
* b. I ***would have bought*** you a present if ***I'd known*** it was your birthday.
* c. If ***they'd had*** a better goalkeeper they ***wouldn't have lost*** the game.
* d. If you ***had told*** me you were on the Internet, ***I'd have sent***you an e-mail.
* e.***Would you have bought*** an elephant if ***you'd known*** how much they eat?

**Practice:**

What a match – your favourite team has lost again! So after the game, the supporters discuss what could have been different.

Complete the Conditional Sentences Type III.

1. If the midfielders had passed the ball more exactly, our team would have had more chances to attack.
2. If the forwards had run faster, they would have scored more goals.
3. Their motivation would have improved if they had kicked a goal during the first half.
4. The fullbacks would have prevented one or the other goal if they had marked their opponents.
5. If the goalie had jumped up, he would have caught the ball.
6. If the referee had seen the foul, he would have awarded a penalty kick to our team.
7. Our team would have been in better form if they had trained harder the weeks before.
8. The game would have become better if the trainer had sent a substitute in during the second half.
9. If it had been a home game, our team would have won the match.
10. If our team had won the match, they would have moved up in the league.