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third conditional

If I'd **known** about the meeting, I **would have gone**. (5 3))

If James **hadn't gone** to the training course, he **wouldn't have met** his wife.

You **wouldn't have lost** your job if you **hadn't been** late every day.

Would you **have gone** to the party if you'd **known** Lisa was there?

- We usually use third conditional sentences to talk about how things could have been different in the past, i.e., for hypothetical / imaginary situations. Compare:
Yesterday I got up late and missed my train. (= the real situation)
If I hadn't got up late yesterday, I wouldn't have missed my train. (= the hypothetical or imaginary past situation)
- To make a third conditional, use *if + past perfect* and *would have + past participle*.
- The contraction of both *had* and *would* is 'd.
- We can use *might* or *could* instead of *would* to make the result less certain.
If she'd studied harder, she might have passed the exam.



a Match the phrases.

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| Billy wouldn't have injured his head | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | D | A if you'd gone to college? |
| 1 If I'd driven any faster, | <input type="checkbox"/> | | B you wouldn't have been so cold. |
| 2 Jon might have gotten the job | <input type="checkbox"/> | | C if I'd asked you? |
| 3 She would have hurt herself badly | <input type="checkbox"/> | | D if he had worn his helmet. |
| 4 If Katy hadn't gone to the party, | <input type="checkbox"/> | | E she wouldn't have met her new boyfriend. |
| 5 What would you have studied | <input type="checkbox"/> | | F if he'd been on time for his interview. |
| 6 How would you have gotten to the airport | <input type="checkbox"/> | | G if they had come with us. |
| 7 If you'd worn a warmer coat, | <input type="checkbox"/> | | H if she'd fallen down the stairs. |
| 8 Your parents would have enjoyed the trip | <input type="checkbox"/> | | I I could have gotten a speeding ticket. |
| 9 Would you have helped me | <input type="checkbox"/> | | J if the trains had been on strike? |

b Cover A–J. Look at 1–9 and try to remember the end of the sentence.

c Complete the third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

If Tom **hadn't gone** to college, he **wouldn't have met** Sarah. (not go, not meet)

- 1 If you _____ me to the airport, I _____ my flight. (not take, miss)
- 2 We _____ the game if the referee _____ us a penalty. (not win, not give)
- 3 You _____ the weekend if you _____ with us. (enjoy, come)
- 4 If I _____ the theater tickets online, they _____ more expensive. (not buy, be)
- 5 Mike _____ his wife's birthday if she _____ him. (forget, not remind)
- 6 If the police _____ five minutes later, they _____ the thief. (arrive, not catch)
- 7 If you _____ me the money, I _____ to go away for the weekend. (not lend, not be able)
- 8 You _____ yourself if you _____ off the horse. (hurt, fall)
- 9 We _____ the hotel if we _____ the sign. (not find, not seen)
- 10 If I _____ about the job, I _____ for it. (know, apply)