

# Free B1-B2 Grammar Worksheet

## Third Conditional

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### 1. Grammar Focus

Use the **third conditional** to imagine a different past condition and a different past result. It usually describes a past condition that did not happen and the result we imagine would, could or might have followed.

| Use                    | Pattern                                                                 | Example                                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Standard form          | if + past perfect, would have + past participle                         | If I'd checked the address, I would have arrived on time.       |
| Negative condition     | if + had not (hadn't) + past participle                                 | If we hadn't missed the turning, we would have arrived earlier. |
| Negative result        | would not (wouldn't) have + past participle                             | If she had saved the file, she wouldn't have lost her work.     |
| Question               | What would + subject + have + past participle<br>... if + past perfect? | What would you have done if the train had been cancelled?       |
| Possible result        | might have + past participle                                            | If the weather had improved, the match might have continued.    |
| Ability or opportunity | could have + past participle                                            | If I'd had a key, I could have opened the door.                 |
| Clause order           | result clause + if + past perfect                                       | I would have called you if I'd seen the message.                |
| Forms of be / have     | had been / would have been / had had are possible                       | If the road had been open, the journey would have been shorter. |

| Point                                  | Remember                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Contractions                           | In an if-clause, <b>I'd known</b> means <b>I had known</b> . In a result clause, <b>I'd have called</b> means <b>I would have called</b> .              |
| Past participles                       | Use the past participle after <b>had</b> and after <b>would/could/might have</b> : had <b>gone</b> , would have <b>taken</b> , might have <b>seen</b> . |
| Do not put would have in the if-clause | Use <b>If I had known...</b> , not <b>If I would have known...</b> , in the standard third conditional.                                                 |
| Scope                                  | This worksheet focuses on past condition + past result. Mixed conditionals with a present result are a separate grammar point.                          |

## 2. Choose the Correct Form

Choose the option that completes each third-conditional sentence correctly. Use the context to decide whether the result is expected, possible or an unreal past ability.

| No. | Context                                                                           | Options                                     |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1   | If Nina _____ the booking email, she would have noticed the date.                 | had read / would have read                  |
| 2   | If we had left five minutes later, we _____ the last bus.                         | had missed / would have missed              |
| 3   | If I _____ my charger, my phone wouldn't have died.                               | had packed / would have packed              |
| 4   | What _____ if the hotel had lost your reservation?                                | would you do / would you have done          |
| 5   | There was still no guarantee: if the rain had stopped earlier, the match _____.   | would have continued / might have continued |
| 6   | If the shop had been open, we _____ the batteries there.                          | would have bought / would bought            |
| 7   | If Maya hadn't taken a screenshot, she _____ the details.                         | would have forgotten / had forgotten        |
| 8   | If the driver _____ the warning sign, he wouldn't have taken that road.           | would have seen / had seen                  |
| 9   | There was only a chance of a discount: if we had asked sooner, they _____ us one. | would have given / might have given         |
| 10  | If I had had a key, I _____ the office without calling security.                  | could have entered / could entered          |
| 11  | If you had told me the truth, I _____ you.                                        | hadn't ignored / wouldn't have ignored      |
| 12  | We _____ longer if the venue hadn't closed at ten.                                | would have stayed / had stayed              |

### 3. Match the Sentence to the Grammar Reason

Write the correct letter A-J beside each sentence. Two reasons are not used.

| No. | Sentence                                                                    | Answer |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1   | If we had booked online, we would have paid less.                           |        |
| 2   | If I hadn't missed the alarm, I would have caught the train.                |        |
| 3   | What would you have done if the airline had cancelled the flight?           |        |
| 4   | If the organisers had found another venue, the event might have gone ahead. |        |
| 5   | If I had had enough cash, I could have bought the last ticket.              |        |
| 6   | If Mia had remembered her pass, she wouldn't have missed the meeting.       |        |
| 7   | If I'd known about the roadworks, I'd have taken another route.             |        |
| 8   | I would have stayed for dessert if the restaurant had remained open.        |        |

| A-J | Grammar reason                                                                                                                                            |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| A   | Use <b>might have + past participle</b> when the imagined past result is possible rather than certain.                                                    |
| B   | In contractions, <b>'d + past participle</b> in the if-clause means <b>had</b> ; <b>'d have + past participle</b> in the result means <b>would have</b> . |
| C   | Use the <b>full forms: if + had + past participle, would have + past participle</b> in a positive third conditional with the if-clause first.             |
| D   | Use <b>wouldn't have + past participle</b> for a negative imagined past result.                                                                           |
| E   | Use <b>would have been + adjective</b> for an imagined past state in the result clause.                                                                   |
| F   | Use <b>hadn't + past participle</b> for a negative unreal past condition.                                                                                 |
| G   | When the result clause comes first, put the if-clause second and normally do not use a comma before <b>if</b> .                                           |
| H   | Use <b>What would + subject + have + past participle ...?</b> to ask about an imagined past result.                                                       |
| I   | Use <b>had been + adjective or noun phrase</b> for an unreal past state in the if-clause.                                                                 |
| J   | Use <b>could have + past participle</b> for an unreal past ability or opportunity.                                                                        |

#### 4. Correct the Mistakes

Each sentence has one third-conditional grammar error. Write the complete corrected sentence.

| No. | Incorrect sentence                                                   | Your correction |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1   | If I would have known about the change, I would have come earlier.   | _____           |
| 2   | If Omar had left earlier, he would caught the bus.                   | _____           |
| 3   | If we had took the motorway, we would have arrived sooner.           | _____           |
| 4   | If they hadn't forgot the tickets, they would have entered the show. | _____           |
| 5   | What would you have did if the card had been declined?               | _____           |
| 6   | If the shop had been open, we would bought the adapter there.        | _____           |
| 7   | If Leo had called me, I had helped him.                              | _____           |
| 8   | We would have stayed longer if the hotel had close the bar later.    | _____           |

#### 5. Complete the Mini-dialogues and Sentences

Use each expression from the box once.

**might have chosen another date** | **would have been cheaper** | **had booked online** | **hadn't charged the battery** | **could have called a taxi** | **had remembered my passport** | **would have saved GBP 40** | **had known about the delay**

| No. | Sentence                                                               |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | If I _____, the ticket would have cost less.                           |
| 2   | If I _____, I would not have waited at the station for an hour.        |
| 3   | The buses had stopped, but if I'd had enough cash, I _____.            |
| 4   | If I had booked through the app, I _____.                              |
| 5   | If I _____, I could have boarded the flight.                           |
| 6   | The forecast was uncertain; if I'd seen it earlier, I _____.           |
| 7   | If I _____, the phone would have had no power for the journey.         |
| 8   | The train cost more than the coach; if we'd taken the coach, it _____. |

## 6. Rewrite Using the Third Conditional

Rewrite each prompt using the required third-conditional form. Preserve the meaning.

| No. | Original / instruction                                                                                                 | Your rewrite |
|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1   | I did not set an alarm, so I missed the early train.<br>Use a third conditional.                                       | <br><br>     |
| 2   | The advance-booking discount was available, but we did not book in advance, so we paid full price.<br>Use <b>if</b> .  | <br><br>     |
| 3   | I did not save the file, so I lost my work.<br>Use <b>would not have</b> .                                             | <br><br>     |
| 4   | Sara did not bring her passport, so she could not board the flight.<br>Use <b>could have</b> .                         | <br><br>     |
| 5   | We might have gone for a walk, but the weather did not improve.<br>Use <b>might have</b> .                             | <br><br>     |
| 6   | The taxi arrived late. As a result, we missed check-in.<br>Use a negative if-clause.                                   | <br><br>     |
| 7   | Imagine your flight had been cancelled. Ask your partner about their reaction.<br>Use <b>What would ... have done?</b> | <br><br>     |
| 8   | We ate at the station only because the cafe was closed.<br>Put the result clause first.                                | <br><br>     |

## 7. Meaning and Use

Choose the interpretation that best describes the result clause.

| No. | Sentence                                                                    | A                              | B                         | C                           |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1   | If we had left at six, we might have avoided the traffic.                   | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 2   | If I had seen the message, I would have replied.                            | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 3   | If she had had a key, she could have opened the door.                       | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 4   | If the organisers had found another venue, the event might have gone ahead. | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 5   | If I had brought my card, I could have paid at the machine.                 | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 6   | If he had checked the address, he would have found the office.              | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 7   | If the train hadn't been delayed, we'd have arrived by nine.                | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |
| 8   | If they had asked earlier, we might have helped.                            | Expected counterfactual result | Uncertain possible result | Past ability or opportunity |

## 8. Speaking Practice

Work with a partner. Give complete answers and explain the imagined past result.

| Prompt                                                                                             | Prompt                                                                                                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Think of a small mistake you made recently. What would have happened if you had acted differently? | Think of a journey that was delayed. If you had left earlier or later, what would have changed?                       |
| If you had had an extra hour yesterday, what could you have done?                                  | Think of a plan that depended on uncertain conditions. What might have happened if the conditions had been different? |
| Think of a purchase you made. What would have happened if you had chosen differently?              | What would you have done if your phone had stopped working for the whole day yesterday?                               |
| If you had not started learning English when you did, what past opportunity might you have missed? | Make one third conditional about work or study and one about travel.                                                  |

## 9. Write Your Own Sentences

Write one complete sentence or question for each prompt.

| No. | Prompt                                                                                | Your sentence |
|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1   | Write a standard positive third conditional with <b>would have</b> .                  | <br><br>      |
| 2   | Write a third conditional with a negative condition using <b>hadn't</b> .             | <br><br>      |
| 3   | Write a third conditional with a negative result using <b>wouldn't have</b> .         | <br><br>      |
| 4   | Write a third-conditional question beginning <b>What would you have done ...?</b>     | <br><br>      |
| 5   | Write a third conditional using <b>might have</b> or <b>could have</b> in the result. | <br><br>      |

## 10. Vocabulary and Grammar Sentence Practice

Use the required form and topic to write a natural third-conditional sentence.

| No. | Required form                   | Topic                        | Your sentence |
|-----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1   | had + past participle           | travel / missed connection   | _____         |
| 2   | hadn't + past participle        | work / forgotten information | _____         |
| 3   | would have + past participle    | money / different purchase   | _____         |
| 4   | wouldn't have + past participle | technology / avoided problem | _____         |
| 5   | might have + past participle    | study / uncertain result     | _____         |
| 6   | could have + past participle    | opportunity / ability        | _____         |

## 11. Error-checking Challenge

The paragraph contains exactly seven third-conditional grammar errors. Find them and write the seven corrections below.

Yesterday was a disaster. If I had left home earlier, I would have caught the 7:30 train, but I didn't. If I would have checked the travel app, I would have seen that the next train was cancelled. At the station, I realised I had forgot my charger. If I had remembered it, I could have used my laptop on the journey. My colleague said that if I had called her, she would picked me up. Later, the meeting started without me. If the organiser had knew about the delay, she might have waited. At lunch, I tried to finish the revised slides; if I had had more time, I could finished them. I also realised that I hadn't brought the right documents. If I had packed them the night before, the presentation would have went more smoothly. Finally, if the taxi hadn't arrived so late, I wouldn't missed the last train home.

| No. | Correction |
|-----|------------|
| 1   | _____      |
| 2   | _____      |
| 3   | _____      |
| 4   | _____      |
| 5   | _____      |
| 6   | _____      |
| 7   | _____      |

## 12. Useful Reminders

| Reminder                         | Rule                                                                                                                        |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Standard pattern</b>          | Use <b>if + past perfect</b> and <b>would have + past participle</b> for an unreal past condition and imagined past result. |
| <b>Negative condition</b>        | Use <b>hadn't + past participle</b> for a past condition that did not happen.                                               |
| <b>Negative result</b>           | Use <b>wouldn't have + past participle</b> for a negative imagined past result.                                             |
| <b>Questions</b>                 | Use <b>What would + subject + have + past participle ... if + past perfect?</b>                                             |
| <b>Possibility / opportunity</b> | Use <b>might have</b> for an uncertain possible result and <b>could have</b> for past ability or opportunity.               |
| <b>Clause order</b>              | The result clause can come first. Usually do not use a comma before an if-clause that comes second.                         |
| <b>If-clause</b>                 | In the standard third conditional, use <b>had + past participle</b> after if, not <b>would have</b> .                       |

## Answer Key

### Section 2: Choose the Correct Form

| Answers 1-6             | Answers 7-12              |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. had read             | 7. would have forgotten   |
| 2. would have missed    | 8. had seen               |
| 3. had packed           | 9. might have given       |
| 4. would you have done  | 10. could have entered    |
| 5. might have continued | 11. wouldn't have ignored |
| 6. would have bought    | 12. would have stayed     |

### Section 3: Match the Sentence to the Grammar Reason

| Items 1-4 | Items 5-8 |
|-----------|-----------|
| 1. C      | 5. J      |
| 2. F      | 6. D      |
| 3. H      | 7. B      |
| 4. A      | 8. G      |

Unused reasons: E and I.

## Answer Key: Continued

### Section 4: Correct the Mistakes

| No. | Correct sentence                                                        |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | If I had known about the change, I would have come earlier.             |
| 2   | If Omar had left earlier, he would have caught the bus.                 |
| 3   | If we had taken the motorway, we would have arrived sooner.             |
| 4   | If they hadn't forgotten the tickets, they would have entered the show. |
| 5   | What would you have done if the card had been declined?                 |
| 6   | If the shop had been open, we would have bought the adapter there.      |
| 7   | If Leo had called me, I would have helped him.                          |
| 8   | We would have stayed longer if the hotel had closed the bar later.      |

Teacher note: accept any grammatical correction that preserves the meaning.

### Section 5: Complete the Mini-dialogues and Sentences

| Answers 1-4                  | Answers 5-8                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. had booked online         | 5. had remembered my passport     |
| 2. had known about the delay | 6. might have chosen another date |
| 3. could have called a taxi  | 7. hadn't charged the battery     |
| 4. would have saved GBP 40   | 8. would have been cheaper        |

### Section 6: Rewrite Using the Third Conditional

| No. | Possible answer                                                      |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1   | If I had set an alarm, I wouldn't have missed the early train.       |
| 2   | If we had booked in advance, we would have paid less.                |
| 3   | If I had saved the file, I wouldn't have lost my work.               |
| 4   | If Sara had brought her passport, she could have boarded the flight. |
| 5   | If the weather had improved, we might have gone for a walk.          |
| 6   | If the taxi hadn't arrived late, we wouldn't have missed check-in.   |
| 7   | What would you have done if your flight had been cancelled?          |
| 8   | We wouldn't have eaten at the station if the cafe had been open.     |

Teacher note: these are possible answers. Accept any grammatical rewrite that preserves the meaning and uses the required target form.

## Answer Key: Continued

### Section 7: Meaning and Use

| Answers 1-4 | Answers 5-8 |
|-------------|-------------|
| 1. B        | 5. C        |
| 2. A        | 6. A        |
| 3. C        | 7. A        |
| 4. B        | 8. B        |

### Section 8: Speaking Practice

No fixed answers required. Students should use the third conditional accurately and explain the imagined past result.

### Section 9: Write Your Own Sentences

Teacher note: accept any grammatical sentence that uses the target grammar and follows the prompt.

### Section 10: Vocabulary and Grammar Sentence Practice

| No. | Required form                | No. | Required form                   |
|-----|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1   | had + past participle        | 4   | wouldn't have + past participle |
| 2   | hadn't + past participle     | 5   | might have + past participle    |
| 3   | would have + past participle | 6   | could have + past participle    |

Teacher note: accept any grammatical sentence using the required form and the stated topic.

### Section 11: Error-checking Challenge

| No. | Incorrect form     | Correct form         |
|-----|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | would have checked | had checked          |
| 2   | had forgot         | had forgotten        |
| 3   | would picked       | would have picked    |
| 4   | had knew           | had known            |
| 5   | could finished     | could have finished  |
| 6   | would have went    | would have gone      |
| 7   | wouldn't missed    | wouldn't have missed |

Teacher note: accept any grammatical correction that preserves the meaning.

### Section 12: Useful Reminders

No answers required.