

Third Conditional

Use the **third conditional** to imagine a different past and its result: things that didn't happen. *If I had known, I would have come.* Form: **if + Past Perfect, would have + past participle.**

If I **had known**, I **would have come**.



1. Choose the right answer Circle a or b.

- If I _____ about the meeting, I would have come.
a) had known b) knew
- If you had asked, I _____ you.
a) would help b) would have helped
- We _____ the match if we had played better.
a) would have won b) would win
- If she _____ the bus, she wouldn't have been late.
a) didn't miss b) hadn't missed
- If I'd left earlier, I _____ stuck in traffic.
a) won't get b) wouldn't have got

2. Correct the mistake

Each sentence has one mistake. Write the correct sentence.

1. If I would have known, I would have come.

2. If I had known, I would come.

3. If she had took the train, she'd have arrived on time.

3. Your turn

Write three sentences of your own that use this rule. You can use these phrases.

If only I had...

I wish I had...

I should have...

would have

could have

might have

See the rule move

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1. Choose the right answer

1. **a) had known** An imagined past: if + Past Perfect.
2. **b) would have helped** The result is in the past: would have + participle.
3. **a) would have won** The result is in the past: would have + participle.
4. **b) hadn't missed** An imagined past: if + Past Perfect.
5. **b) wouldn't have got** The result is in the past: would have + participle.

2. Correct the mistake

1. **If I had known, I would have come.** Would goes only in the result. The if-part takes the Past Perfect.
2. **If I had known, I would have come.** The result is in the past too: would have + participle.
3. **If she had taken the train, she'd have arrived on time.** Had needs the past participle: taken, not took.

3. Your turn

Answers will vary. Check that each sentence follows the rule on page 1, or paste them into Clarigram to have them checked.