

3RD CONDITIONAL

When we are talking about past we can use
3rd conditionals:

Different Results

Possibilities

When we consider different results ...

If I **had been** hungry, I **would have eaten** something.



You **weren't** hungry.



Different Results

When we consider different
results ...

If I'd **known** you were in
hospital, I **would have**
gone to visit you.



You **didn't** know, so you
didn't go to visit you.



Possibilities

2nd type conditional

3rd type conditional

VS.

- Not real.
- About the **present**.
- We use **past simple**.

- Not real.
- About the **past**.
- We use **past perfect**.

How are they different?

I'm **not** hungry. If I **was** hungry, I **would eat** something.



Now

I **wasn't** hungry. If I **had been** hungry, I **would have eaten** something.



Past

Note that
in 3rd type conditionals we use
past perfect+would have.

**E.g. If I had left home earlier,
I wouldn't have been
late to work.**

Exercises

1. Sarah got to the station just in time to catch her train to the airport. If _____ (she / miss) the train, _____ (she / miss) her flight too.
2. I didn't have your email address, so I couldn't contact you. If _____ (I / have) your email address, _____ (I / send) you an email.
3. Why didn't you tell me about your problem? If _____ (you / tell) me, _____ (I / try) to help you.
4. If they _____ (do) their job, we _____ (be) in this situation.
5. If the road _____ (be) icy, the accident _____ (happen).
6. I haven't prepared anything for the guests. If I _____ (know) you were coming, I _____ (cook) something.
7. Don't lie to me. If you _____ (do) terrible things, you _____ (come) to me.
8. If you _____ (ask) before all this, I _____ (tell) you everything that happened.
9. That was tiring. If they _____ (break) the vase, we _____ (be) in trouble.
10. If the emperor of Constantinople _____ (see) the Ottoman ships coming from the hills, he _____ (prevent) the conquest.

Answer Key

1. Be careful with that vase. If you **dropped** (drop) it, it would break into small pieces.
2. If I see Sarah, I **will tell** (tell) her to call you
3. I don't think he'll fail the exam. I'd be very surprised if he **failed** (fail).
4. If you **go** (go) right at the end of this street, you'll see a bank on your left.
5. I don't think Gary and Emma will get married. I'd **be**(be) amazed if they did.
6. I'd **call** (call) them now if I were you.
7. If he **were** (be) the manager, he would never do such things.
8. I don't know what I **would do** (do) if I lost my passport.
9. If I had to take this test, I **would prepare** (prepare) for it in advance.
10. I don't expect to lose my job but if that **happened** (happen) , I'd have to find another one.