

Third Conditional

Teacher's Notes

In this Third Conditional activity, students practise the Third Conditional both alone and with a partner.

Aim: To practise the Third Conditional through a variety of written and communicative exercises.

Procedure: Give each student a copy of the two-page activity sheet.

Exercise A: Students begin by matching the sentence halves with the correct endings and circling the correct form of the verb.

answer key:

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| 1. b, had been | 5. g, wouldn't have missed |
| 2. c, would have been | 6. e, had tasted |
| 3. a, hadn't saved | 7. d, wouldn't have slipped |
| 4. f, had let | |

Exercise B: Next, students complete the sentences, putting the verbs in brackets in the correct form.

answer key:

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| 1. had booked, would have saved | 5. would have called, hadn't run out |
| 2. wouldn't have escaped, had closed | 6. had known, would have made |
| 3. would have walked, had woken up | 7. would have come, had invited |
| 4. had drunk, would have slept | |

Exercise C: Students then create Third Conditional sentences using the information provided.

answer key:

1. If I had brought a map, I wouldn't have got/gotten lost.
2. If I hadn't dropped the cup, it wouldn't have broken.
3. If it hadn't woken me, I would have overslept.
4. If I hadn't been asleep, I would have heard it.
5. If I hadn't eaten raw meat, I wouldn't have got/gotten sick.

Exercise D: Students go on to complete the Third Conditional sentences, choosing two verbs and putting them in the correct form.

answer key:

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| 1. had paid, wouldn't have gone | 6. wouldn't have been, had gone |
| 2. would have won, had practised | 7. would have been, had used |
| 3. had known, would have baked | 8. wouldn't have woken up, hadn't made |
| 4. had made, wouldn't have forgotten | 9. had watered, wouldn't have died |
| 5. hadn't broken, wouldn't have got/gotten | 10. wouldn't have got/gotten, had brought |

Exercise E: Lastly, students complete the Third Conditional sentences with their own answers, using verbs of their choice. Afterwards, they compare their sentences with their partner and see if any of their endings were similar.