

Third Conditional Exercises

A. Add the correct forms of the verbs to make third conditional sentences (use "would" in the main clause)

If Frank _____, he _____ himself. (listen, not hurt)
→ If Frank had listened, he would not have hurt himself. Or: ... , he wouldn't have hurt himself.

- If I _____ earlier, I _____ to class. (wake up, come)
- Julia _____ to the city if she _____ the job. (move, take)
- If it _____, we _____ a picnic. (not rain, have)
- We _____ lost if we _____ the sign. (not get, see)
- If I _____ your number, I _____ you. (have, call)
- _____ you _____ the test if you _____ more? (pass, study)
- If you _____ busy, _____ you _____ ? (not be, help)
- If he _____ her birthday, he _____ a card. (remember, send)
- They _____ fun if they _____ to the party. (have, go)
- If we _____ to Spain, we _____ Carlos. (not move, not meet)

B. Fix the mistakes to make correct third conditional sentences (sometimes you need to add a word)

had

If I have left earlier, I would not have been late. → If I ~~have~~ left earlier, I would not have been late.

- If it had snowed, we would not have go out.
- If I brought my umbrella, I would not have gotten wet.
- We wouldn't have gone to the shop if we'd know it was closed.
- Would they have helped us if they been here?
- You wouldn't have had an accident if you'd be more careful.
- We would had found cheaper tickets if we had looked earlier.
- She could have won the competition if the bird hasn't distracted her.
- He might have gone to Bali if he'd have the money.
- If you would called us, we may have been able to help you.
- What would you done if you'd seen her?

Answers

A.

1. If I **had woken up** earlier, I **would have come** to class.
(short forms: I'd **woken up**; I'd **have come**)
2. Julia **would have moved** to the city if she **had taken** the job.
(short form: she'd **taken**)
(NB: We don't usually contract names and "would" when we write, so we don't usually write "Julia'd".)
3. If it **had not rained**, we **would have had** a picnic.
(short forms: it **hadn't rained**; we'd **have had**)*
4. We **would not have gotten** lost if we **had seen** the sign. / We **would not have got** lost ...
(short forms: We **wouldn't have gotten/got**; we'd **seen**)*
5. If I **had had** your number, I **would have called** you.
(short forms: I'd **had**; I'd **have called**)
6. **Would you have passed** the test if you **had studied** more?
(short form: you'd **studied**)
7. If you **had not been** busy, **would you have helped**?
(short form: you **hadn't been**)*
8. If he **had remembered** her birthday, he **would have sent** a card.
(short forms: he'd **remembered**; he'd **have sent**)
9. They **would have had** fun if they **had gone** to the party.
(short forms: They'd **have had**; they'd **gone**)
10. If we **had not moved** to Spain, we **would not have met** Carlos. (not move, not meet)
(short forms: we **hadn't moved**; we **wouldn't have met**)*

B.

11. If it had snowed, we would not have **gone** out.
12. If I **had** brought my umbrella, I would not have gotten wet.
13. We wouldn't have gone to the shop if we'd **known** it was closed.
14. Would they have helped us if they **had** been here?
15. You wouldn't have had an accident if you'd **been** more careful.
16. We would **have** found cheaper tickets if we had looked earlier.
17. She could have won the competition if the bird **hadn't** distracted her.
18. He might have gone to Bali if he'd **had** the money.
19. If you **had** called us, we may have been able to help you.
20. What would you **have** done if you'd seen her?

* This is how we use contractions in negative clauses: had not → hadn't, would not → wouldn't. It is possible to use constructions like "I'd not seen" (instead of "I hadn't seen") and "I'd not have heard" (instead of "I wouldn't have heard"), but these are not common in modern English.