

What are Mixed Conditionals?

Worksheet

Mixed conditionals blend second and third conditional structures, using past actions with present results (if + had, would + base verb) or present states from past events (if + had, would + have + past participle).

Questions

1. If she had studied abroad, she ... English better now.
A) would speak
B) would have spoken
C) had spoken
D) speaks
2. Mixed conditional links:
A) same time period
B) different time periods
C) future only
D) conditional + certainty
3. If he weren't afraid, he ... applied last month.
A) would apply
B) would have applied
C) applies
D) has applied
4. Which is a mixed conditional?
A) If I were rich, I'd travel.
B) If I had been rich, I would have traveled.
C) If I had been rich, I would travel now.
D) If I study, I pass.
5. Link: She didn't practice as a child. She can't play well now.
6. Link: He isn't confident (now). He wouldn't have applied (then).
7. Why does she have a good job? She studied hard at university.
8. Define: What are mixed conditionals?
9. Define: Type A mixed conditional pattern?
10. Define: Type B mixed conditional pattern?

Answer Key

1. A) would speak — Past condition (had studied) → present consequence (would speak).
2. B) different time periods — Mixed combines tenses to connect events at different times.
3. B) would have applied — Present condition (weren't) → past action regret (would have applied).
4. C) If I had been rich, I would travel now. — Two time periods: past condition (had been rich) + present result (would travel now).
5. Identify the time gap: past action (didn't practice) → present inability If clause (past): if + had + practiced Main clause (present): would + be able to Mixed: If she had practiced as a child, she would be able to play well now.
6. Identify: present state (isn't confident) explains past choice If clause (present): if + weren't (second conditional) Main clause (past): would + have + applied Mixed: If he weren't so nervous, he would have applied for the job.
7. Rewrite as mixed conditional linking past effort to present success If clause (past): if + hadn't studied Main clause (present): wouldn't have this job Mixed: If she hadn't studied hard, she wouldn't have such a good job.
8. Conditionals combining tenses from different types to link events in different time periods, e.g. past conditions with present results.
9. If + past perfect, would + base verb (present). Example: If I had known, I would help you.
10. If + present simple/were, would + have + past participle. Example: If I weren't lazy, I would have finished it.

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