

What is the Third Conditional?

Worksheet

The third conditional combines if + past perfect with would + have + past participle (e.g. 'If I had studied, I would have passed'). It expresses imaginary past situations that didn't actually occur.

Questions

1. Complete: If you had told me, I ...
 - A) would tell
 - B) would have told
 - C) had told
 - D) will tell
2. What does third conditional express?
 - A) future possibility
 - B) past regret or impossibility
 - C) present habit
 - D) general truth
3. Choose the correct sentence:
 - A) If she had known, she would tell.
 - B) If she knows, she would have told.
 - C) If she had known, she would have told.
 - D) If she had known, she will tell.
4. Which is a regret using third conditional?
 - A) I wish I study.
 - B) If I studied, I pass.
 - C) If I had studied, I would have passed.
 - D) I will study harder.
5. If you had arrived on time, what would have happened?
6. What if she had studied harder?
7. Rewrite: He didn't call, so we didn't know.
8. Define: What does the third conditional express?
9. Define: Structure of the if clause in third conditional?
10. Define: Structure of the main clause in third conditional?

Answer Key

1. B) would have told — After 'if + had' in past, main clause uses 'would have' + past participle.
2. B) past regret or impossibility — Third conditional talks about impossible past scenarios.
3. C) If she had known, she would have told. — Past perfect in if clause + would have in main clause.
4. C) If I had studied, I would have passed. — Third conditional expresses counterfactual past — what could have been.
5. If clause: had arrived (past perfect) Main clause: would have caught Full: If you had arrived on time, you would have caught the train.
6. If clause: had studied (past perfect) Main clause: would have scored Full: If she had studied harder, she would have scored higher marks.
7. Identify the regret: both actions are past If clause: had called Main clause: would have known Full: If he had called, we would have known.
8. Unrealistic or impossible situations in the past; what could have happened if circumstances had been different.
9. if + had + past participle (e.g. if I had known)
10. would/wouldn't + have + past participle (e.g. would have told)

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