

What are Mixed Conditionals?

Worksheet

Mixed conditionals combine tenses from different conditionals: past perfect (if condition) with would/could/might + infinitive (present result), or present condition with would have + past participle (past result).

Questions

1. If she had eaten breakfast, she ____ hungry now.
A) wouldn't be
B) wouldn't have been
C) won't be
D) isn't
2. If they knew the password, they ____ yesterday.
A) would entered
B) would have entered
C) will enter
D) entered
3. If I ____ my keys, I'd have my house now.
A) didn't lose
B) hadn't lost
C) don't lose
D) won't lose
4. Which situation uses a mixed conditional?
A) If he studied, he would pass.
B) If he studies, he will pass.
C) If he had studied, he would pass now.
D) If he had studied, he would have passed.
5. Past condition with present result: If she had studied harder, she would be a doctor now.
6. Present condition with past result: If he knew the truth, he would have called you yesterday.
7. If I had been born in the US, I would speak English without an accent today.
8. Define: What is a mixed conditional?
9. Define: Form of mixed conditional (past → present)
10. Define: Form of mixed conditional (present → past)

Answer Key

1. A) wouldn't be — Mixed conditional (past→present): past perfect (had eaten) + would + present infinitive (be).
2. B) would have entered — Mixed conditional (present→past): present (knew) + would have + past participle (entered).
3. B) hadn't lost — Past condition (hadn't lost) for present result (would have/own now). Use past perfect.
4. C) If he had studied, he would pass now. — Mixed: past perfect (studied) + present form (would pass now) because the cause is past, result is present.
5. Condition (past): if + had studied (past perfect) Result (present): would + be (present infinitive) Meaning: She didn't study; that's why she isn't a doctor now.
6. Condition (present): if + knew (simple past) Result (past): would have + called (past participle) Meaning: He doesn't know; that's why he didn't call.
7. Condition (past): if + had been born (past perfect) Result (present): would + speak (present infinitive) Meaning: I wasn't born in the US, so I have an accent today.
8. A conditional that mixes tenses—past perfect in the 'if' clause and present form in the main clause, or vice versa.
9. If + had + past participle... would + infinitive. E.g., 'If I had known, I would be happy now.'
10. If + simple past... would have + past participle. E.g., 'If he knew, he would have called.'

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