

What are Mixed Conditionals?

Worksheet

Mixed conditionals blend past conditions with present consequences — e.g., if you had studied (past), you would know (present). This shows how a past action affects current reality.

Questions

1. Choose the correct mixed conditional:

- A) If you studied, you would know.
- B) If you had studied, you would know now.
- C) If you have studied, you would know.
- D) If you study, you would know.

2. What time reference does this show? If she had worked harder, she would be successful.

- A) Only past
- B) Only present
- C) Past condition, present consequence
- D) Only future

3. Complete: If I had taken the job, I _____ in Paris now.

- A) live
- B) would live
- C) would have lived
- D) have lived

4. Which is NOT a mixed conditional?

- A) If you had asked, I would help you now.
- B) If you asked, I would help you.
- C) If she had been on time, she would have seen it.
- D) If he trained daily, he would be fit now.

5. If he had trained more, he would be a better athlete now.

6. If I had known about the job, I would apply today.

7. If she hadn't overslept, she wouldn't have missed the bus.

8. Define: What are mixed conditionals?

9. Define: Common mixed conditional structure?

10. Define: When do we use mixed conditionals?

Answer Key

1. B) If you had studied, you would know now. — Mixed conditional (past → present) uses past perfect in if-clause and would + infinitive for present result.
2. C) Past condition, present consequence — Past condition ('had worked') affects present state ('would be').
3. B) would live — 'Would live' shows a present hypothetical result of a past decision.
4. B) If you asked, I would help you. — Option B is a second conditional (present hypothesis), not mixed. Options A, C, D are mixed.
5. Condition: If he had trained more (past perfect — something he didn't do) Result: he would be a better athlete (present tense — hypothetical state now) Time mix: past action → present consequence
6. Condition: If I had known (past perfect — past lack of knowledge) Result: I would apply (present — if the situation were different) Mix: past information → present action
7. Condition: If she hadn't overslept (past perfect — a past event) Result: she wouldn't have missed (past perfect — past consequence) Both past, but shows cause → effect within past time
8. Conditionals combining different time references — usually past condition with present/future result.
9. If + past perfect (condition), would + infinitive (present result) or would have + -ed (past result).
10. To show how a past action (or lack of it) affects the present or a consequence that follows.

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