

What is Third Conditional?

Worksheet

Third conditional uses 'if + past perfect' and 'would have + past participle' to express regret or impossible past scenarios: If I had studied, I would have passed.

Questions

1. Which is the correct third conditional form?
A) If I have studied, I will pass
B) If I had studied, I would have passed
C) If I studied, I would pass
D) If I would have studied, I pass
2. What does 'If I had known, I would have told you' mean?
A) I know now and will tell you
B) I didn't know, so I didn't tell you
C) I might know later
D) I'm going to know soon
3. Complete: If she ____ the job, she ____ happier.
A) gets, would be
B) got, would be
C) had got, would have been
D) has got, would be
4. Is this sentence correct? 'If I would have known, I would have helped.'
A) Yes, both parts use would have
B) No, the if-clause should use had known
C) Yes, repeating would have is grammatical
D) No, we need first conditional instead
5. If I had known about the party, I would have gone.
6. If she had studied harder, she would have got a better grade.
7. If we hadn't left early, we would have missed the plane.
8. Define: What tense is used in the if-clause of third conditional?
9. Define: What structure is used in the main clause?
10. Define: What does third conditional express?

Answer Key

1. B) If I had studied, I would have passed — Third conditional needs 'had + past participle' in the if-clause and 'would have + past participle' in the main clause.
2. B) I didn't know, so I didn't tell you — This imaginary past means I didn't actually know, so I didn't tell you.
3. C) had got, would have been — Third conditional uses 'had got' (past perfect) and 'would have been' (would + have + past participle).
4. B) No, the if-clause should use had known — Common mistake. The if-clause must use past perfect ('had known'), not 'would have known'.
5. If-clause: 'had known' (past perfect) Main clause: 'would have gone' (would + have + past participle) Meaning: I didn't know, so I didn't go.
6. If-clause: 'had studied' (past perfect) Main clause: 'would have got' (would + have + past participle) Meaning: She didn't study, so she got a lower grade.
7. If-clause: 'hadn't left' (had not + past participle) Main clause: 'would have missed' (would + have + past participle) Meaning: We left early, so we didn't miss it.
8. Past perfect: had + past participle (e.g., had studied, had known, hadn't arrived)
9. Would have + past participle (e.g., would have passed, would have seen)
10. Imaginary or impossible past situations; regret about what didn't happen

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