

CONDITIONAL III

TYPE 3

(impossible condition)

Main/Regent Clause
PAST CONDITIONAL

"If" Clause
PAST PERFECT

1

Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form:

1. The man would have died if the doctor (not to arrive) in time.....
2. If father had been at home, he (to answer) the phone.
3. The tourists wouldn't have got lost if they (to take) a map.
4. Your brother would have won the race if his horse (not to lose) one of its shoes.
5. If you had come to the party, you (to have) a very good time.
6. Mary wouldn't have married that man if she (not to love) him so much.
7. They (not to be) angry with her if they had known the truth.
8. If Tom (to be) attentive, he wouldn't have asked that question.
9. These photographs (to be) better if you had been more careful.
10. If I (to remember) her address I would have called on her.

2

Supply the correct tense of the verbs in brackets.

1. He told the judge that he (to rob) the bank if he hadn't been threatened by the authorities.
2. If they (to change) more money, they could have stayed in a hotel.
3. If they had not taught us how to shoot a gun, I (not know) how to use one.
4. If you (to be) the shop-assistant, what would you have done?
5. The optician (to recommend) her to get contact lenses if the patient's eyes had been equally bad.
6. Perhaps dad wouldn't have been so surprised if he (to hear) the boys talking about it.
7. If it (not to be) for him, I'd have gone mad at that school.
8. If he hadn't been in a hurry, he (not to drive) so fast.
9. Even if I had run as fast as I could, I (to miss) the bus.
10. I would never have won the prize, if I (to have) your support.

3

Work on the model:

I didn't tell her the secret because I didn't trust her.
If I had trusted her, I would have told her the secret.

1. I didn't go to bed because I was not tired.
2. We didn't stop to talk to her because we were in a hurry.
3. The child didn't eat the cakes because he didn't find them.
4. Your friend didn't get there in time because he missed the train.
5. We couldn't get into the garden because the gate was locked.
6. You didn't get a good mark because you didn't study enough.
7. I didn't tell them the news because I didn't see them.
8. Tom didn't give me her address because he didn't know it.
9. The boy didn't take the medicine because he didn't like it.
10. They didn't look at us because they didn't recognize us.

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Translate into your language:

1. If we had stopped there, we could have got back very late.
2. If I had reached out my hand, I could have touched it.
3. He wouldn't have stolen the apples if the other boys hadn't egged him on / urged him to do it.
4. If they had carried those bags by himself, he wouldn't have told them to walk for ten miles.
5. I would have read that novel if I had found it at the library.
6. He would have stolen the bread if his family had had nothing to eat.
7. I would have studied more if I would have had more time.
8. They would have spent their evening at the restaurant if they had had any money.