

# Conditional type 3



## Forms:

-If....past perfect....., .....would have+past participle.....

..... would have +past participle.....if.....past perfect.....

## Use:

-**Conditional type 3** is used to talk about imaginary situations in the past. You can describe what you would have done differently or how something could have happened differently if circumstances had been different. The conditions set are past and unreal.

## Examples:

- If I had owned a car , I would have driven to work. But I didn't own one, so I took the bus.
- She would have travelled around the world if she had had more money. But she didn't have much money, so she never travelled.

**Important:** Only use "if "

- Only the word "if " is used with the past unreal conditional because you are discussing imaginary situations. "when " cannot be used.

## Examples:

- I would have bought that computer when it had been cheaper .( not correct)
- I would have bought that computer if it had been cheaper.(correct)



## Exception: conditional with modal verbs

- There are **some special conditional forms for modal verbs in English:**

- The words "can", "shall" and "may"

Cannot be used with "would have". Instead , they must be used in these special forms :

- Would have+can = could have
- Would have +shall= should have
- Would have+may=might have

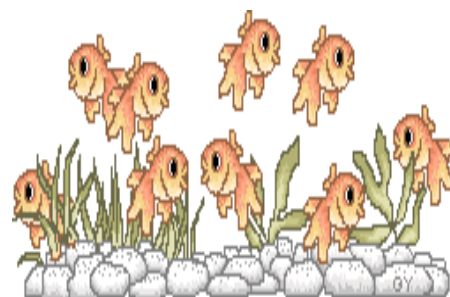
## Examples :

- If she had gone to Egypt, I could have learned Arabic.
- If she had had time , she might have gone to the party.

- The words "could" , " should" , " might" and " ought to " include conditional, so you cannot combine them with " would have".

## Examples:

-If I had had time , I could have





**Paying attention to the underlined expressions indicating time , complete the following sentences , using the verbs in brackets.**

.....he .....us yesterday if we had slept in ? ( to help)

-Would he have helped us yesterday if we had asked him ?

1.If he were here now , he .....not.....to help us .( to hesitate )

2.I .....the book last week if I had known you wanted it.( to finish )

3..... you ..... to him last night if you had seen him ?( speak)

4.If they were old enough , they.....the contest next week ( to enter)

5.....she not.....a vacation now if she had more time ? ( to take )

6.If he had sent a message , we .....it two days ago ( to receive ) .

7.I.....it, if you came with me now ( to appreciate)

8.....she not .....grateful if we offered to help her tomorrow ? ( to be)

9.....he.....yesterday if he had entered the race ?( to win )

10.....they not .....more books last moth if they had noticed the stock was lorder ( to order).

11.....she not.....us now if she knew where we lived ? ( to visit)

12..... You.....apples yesterday if they had been on sale ?( to buy).



**Using the words in parentheses, complete the text below with the appropriate conditional form.**

-After I graduated from university, I applied for a marketing position with a prominent bank with branches all over the world.I didn't get the jobbecause they wanted someone who spoke Spanish fluently.I ( could , take) Spanish in high school, but I didn't. I took an acting class instead . If I ( take) Spanish, I ( get) the job.Just imagine , if I hadactually got the job, I ( move) to Spain.My entire life ( could go) in a totally different direction. If I had accepted the job and moved to Spain, I ( might meet) a Spanish woman and ( get) married.If that had actually happened, I propably ( stay) in Spain. We ( might have ) children . Unfortunately, I didn't get the job and I didn't go to Spain. I got a boring job and I live alone. If I had just taken Spanish , my life ( be) much more interesting