

GRAMMAR - Conditionals

a) Define the rules for the three conditionals. When do we use them?

1. If she wins the game, she will qualify for the World Cup.
2. If she won the game, she would qualify for the World Cup.
3. If she had won the game, she would have qualified for the World Cup.

b) What is the difference between these two sentences:

Tom will throw a party **if** he passes the exam.

Tom will throw a party **when** he passes the exam.

THIRD CONDITIONAL

The Third Conditional 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.

Example:

- If the athlete **had had** a proper diet, he **would have performed** better. (But the diet was poor and the athlete did not perform well.)
- She **would have been** very frustrated if she **had failed** the test. (But she...?)

c) Using the words in brackets, complete the text below with the appropriate conditional form:

1. If I (have)enough money in my twenties, I (backpack)around Europe. But, unfortunately, I was broke.
2. She would have been here earlier if she (miss, not)the train.
3. My business trip to California was only two days. If the trip (be)longer, I (visit) my friends in Los Angeles.
4. I'm sorry, I didn't know you were allergic to chocolate. If I (know), I (make)you a vanilla birthday cake.

MIXED CONDITIONAL

Sometimes we make sentences which mix **second** and **third conditionals**, especially when a past event has an effect in the present:

Examples:

- If I **had taken** French in high school, I **would have** more job opportunities.
But I didn't take French in high school and I don't have many job opportunities.
- If she **had been born** in the United States, she **wouldn't need** a visa to work here.
But she wasn't born in the United States and she does need a visa now to work here.

d) Complete the following conditional sentences:

1. You wouldn't have been overtrained if you....
2. He'll get over the injury if he...
3. If he hadn't eaten so much...
4. You'll improve your performance if you..
5. Training would be easy if...
6. They would have won a Nobel prize if they ...
7. I'll be very happy when...
8. I'll be very happy if...
9. I'd be very happy if...
10. I would have been very happy if...