THIRD CONDITIONAL

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REMEMBER!!

Conditional sentences have two parts: an '**if clause**' and a '**result**' clause.

The '**if clause**' is the part that describes the hypothetical situation that we want to speak about - "*If I had found your walllet,...*"

The '**result clause**' is the part that explains what results may come from the hypothetical 'if clause' actually happening - "*..., I would have given it back to you.*"

3RD CONDITIONAL - IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE IT'S IN THE PAST

The Third Conditional is used to hypothesize about situations that that have already happened, and therefore have a zero percent chance of becoming true.

We use this particulare conditional a lot when we want to complain about or criticize something from the past.

It can also be use to give advice after something has happened, to help us learn how to deal with similar situations differently in the future.

STRUCTURE & EXAMPLES

Structure: If + Past Perfect, Subject + would/could/might + Present Perfect
Remember, we can change the order and put the result clause first. The only difference is that the comma is no longer needed. We use '**would**' when we feel **certain** about the result, '**could**' when we think it's a **possible** result, and '**might**' when we think it's a **probable** result

- If I <u>had had</u> more time, I <u>would have studied</u> Japanese. (certain)
- If they <u>had been</u> here, they <u>could have helped</u> us move the furniture. (possible)
- She <u>might have been</u> angry too if she <u>had known</u> what happened. (probable)
- What <u>would you have done</u> if you <u>had won</u> the lottery? (general for questions)
- It <u>wouldn't have happened</u> if I <u>had been</u> more careful (negative)
- If you <u>hadn't been</u> there, they <u>would have got</u> lost (negative)

EXERCISES

Some are negative

1. You crashed because you went too fast. = You _____ if you _____ more slowly

2. You got sick because you smoked too much. = You _____ so sick if you _____so much.

3. I met him because I went out that night! = If you _____ out, you _____ him.

4. He didn't win because he didn't buy a ticket. = If he _____ a ticket, he _____.

5. I never graduated because I never went to college. = If I _____ to college, I _____.

6. It took you a long time because you didn't do what I said. = If you _____what I said, you _____quicker.

7. I couldn't stay any longer because I didn't have the time. = If I _____ time, I _____longer.

8. He lost all of his teeth because he never brushed them. = He _____his teeth if he _____them as a child.

9. I was so embarrassed when I said that in class. = I _____ myself if I _____ that in class.

10. Italy lost because Del Piero wasn't playing. = If Del Piero _____, Italy _____.

11. The plane crashed because there was no pre-service check carried out. = The plane _____if they _____out the pre-service check.

12. The no car day didn't work so well because it wasn't planned so well. = The no car day _____if they _____ it more carefully.

13. His life was so bad because he committed a crime. = If he _____the crime, he _____a better life.

14. We had the best food ever in that restaurant last night, it's a pity you weren't there. = You _____the best food ever if you _____in the restaurant last night.

15. We were very close friends; we we grew up together. = If we _____together, we _____such good friends.

16. She wouldn't go out with you because you tried too hard. = She _____with you if you _____so hard!