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Third conditional conversation questions

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TEACH THIS		THIRD CONDITIONAL If things were different
1. Last week, you lost your passport at the airport and couldn't board the plane to go on holiday.	8. Last week, you parked your car on the high street but didn't see the 'No parking' sign and received a parking fine.	✕
2. Last week, you injured your neck in a car accident because you weren't wearing a seatbelt.	9. Last week, you took a taxi from the airport to the city centre. You found out later that the taxi was a lot quicker and cheaper.	
3. Last week, you quickly paid the bill at a restaurant and later discovered the restaurant had overcharged you.	10. Last week, you didn't make an appointment with the dentist and later you had a terrible toothache.	
4. Last week, you became sick because you didn't take an umbrella when it was raining outside.	11. Last week, you had a fight and got a black eye.	
5. Last week, you had a good idea for a new product and got promoted.	12. Last week, you were invited to a party. At the party, you met your favourite actor.	
6. Last week, you forgot to water your plants and they died.	13. Last week, you fell asleep in class and got detention.	
7. Last week, you found \$200 on the street and bought a new mobile phone.	14. Last week, you ate some undercooked chicken and had food poisoning.	
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Third conditional questions examples.

It's a dream that will never come true:

Exercise Write the verbs in brackets. Use the third conditional.

1. If I \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ last week's match. I \_\_\_\_\_ (succeed) at the open air show.

2. Kelly \_\_\_\_\_ (not let) us watch it when \_\_\_\_\_ (send) the driving test.

3. If Mary \_\_\_\_\_ (not forget), she \_\_\_\_\_ (cancel) everything on time.

4. My parents \_\_\_\_\_ (not buy) the house if they \_\_\_\_\_ (not found) the money.

5. Peter \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) his mother's birthday if \_\_\_\_\_ (not remind) him.

6. I \_\_\_\_\_ (attend) you if \_\_\_\_\_ (have) your telephone number.

7. If she \_\_\_\_\_ (not) visit me, \_\_\_\_\_ (not forget) to write to home.

8. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the beach.

9. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sell) my golden ring if \_\_\_\_\_ (not give) it to my niece.

Using the past conditional (third conditional) in conversation questions is a great grammar point for English learners to practice their conversation skills because it allows them to discuss hypothetical scenarios and events that did not occur in the past. Practicing this grammar point can help learners improve their ability to express themselves in complex sentences, use appropriate verb tenses, and convey their thoughts and ideas more precisely. It can also help them expand their vocabulary and improve their comprehension of conversational English, as they engage in discussions that require them to think creatively and critically. By mastering this grammar point, learners can demonstrate their ability to think on their feet, express themselves clearly and engage in productive conversations with others. Go through the theory of the grammar point to make sure your students fully understand when and how it is used, and then go through the various conversation questions. Try and engage the students in conversation with follow up questions or comments if they only give one short answers. The past conditional, or third conditional, is a verb tense that is used to talk about hypothetical situations that did not happen in the past.

'If' Conversation Cards

What would you do if you had one day left to live?	What would you do if you found \$10 in the street?	If you could have dinner with a famous actor, who would you choose?
If you could change your appearance, what would you alter?	If you could have any job, what would you be?	If you were prime minister, what would you change?
If you could have one special ability, what would you choose?	If you had time, which other language would you learn?	If you could meet one person from history, who would you choose?
If you had to change nationality, what would you become?	If you found a diamond ring in the street, what would you do?	What would you do if you saw someone shoplifting?
If you didn't have to work next week, what would you do?	What would you do if you could speak English perfectly?	Which would you rather give up: your cell phone, refrigerator or television?

The use of the past conditional is common in conversations that involve speculating about past events or considering alternative outcomes. This tense is formed by combining the past perfect (had + past participle) with the conditional (would + have + past participle). The grammatical format of the past conditional is as follows: If + past perfect, would + have + past participle. Here are some examples of sentences using the past conditional: If I had studied harder, I would have passed the exam. If he had arrived on time, we would have caught the train. If they had known about the traffic, they would have left earlier. If I had won the lottery, I would have bought a new car. If she had finished her work, she would have gone to the party. In these examples, the past perfect is used to describe a situation that did not happen in the past, and the conditional is used to describe what would have happened if the situation had been different. If you had been born in a different country, where would you have wanted to grow up? If you had the opportunity to meet any historical figure, who would you have liked to meet? If you had won the lottery when you were 18, what would you have done with the money? If you had the chance to redo one moment in your life, what would you have done differently? If you had been given the opportunity to travel back in time, which period in history would you have visited? If you had been given the chance to attend any university in the world, where would you have gone? If you had been a character in a famous movie, which character would you have wanted to be? If you had been given the chance to learn any language when you were a child, which language would you have learned? If you had been offered a job in a different country when you were younger, would you have taken it? If you had been able to live in any time period, which one would you have chosen? If you had been given the opportunity to change one event in history, which one would you have changed? If you had been able to learn to play any musical instrument when you were a child, which musical instrument would you have chosen? If you had been able to spend a year living in a different country, where would you have gone? If you had been able to attend any concert in history, which one would you have gone to? If you had been able to choose your own name at birth, what name would you have picked? If you had been able to choose your own nationality, which one would you have chosen? Just a quick note... Before you use these materials... We've created a new podcast aimed at B2+ level English students and teachers alike. You can listen for free at our SoundCloud page below. You can download teacher's notes to accompany them from our Facebook page or from this blog. All comments and feedback welcome! Give us a like and a share © Introduction This is a class for higher levels (B2+) to help students feel more comfortable and stumble less over complex past conditionals. Here is a link to the printable handout: As the title suggests the focus is on using the conditionals in conversation so start out by telling the class that you don't want them to write anything down except the bare conditional structure for reference. Tell them they are going to explore parallel universes in which they made different choices in their lives. The exercise presents the students with different topics designed to generate past conditional sentences but also conversation. Explain that you don't just want them to form 1 past conditional sentence from each point, they should explore each point fully in small groups and try to use the structure in a variety of ways: affirmative / negative / interrogative. Example: "If I hadn't gone to the party, I wouldn't have met my girlfriend because she was only in town for one night." "Do you think you would have had the chance to meet her again?" "It's possible, but maybe I would have met someone else." Note on pronunciation For higher levels depending on how well they use the structure you can encourage them to use the weak forms: Woulda / would've / wouldn't've If they have trouble with this start out with the contracted "had" in the if clause and slowly introduce the other forms. Establishing grammar If I hadn't gone to the party, I wouldn't have met my girlfriend. (past result) Maybe we wouldn't be together now. (present result) If I hadn't studied drama, I probably would have studied literature. If I had studied business, I would have got a job in an insurance company I could have Explain difference between would have and could have would have = what definitely happened in this parallel universe could have = what possibilities were available in the parallel universe If + had/n't + past participle + would / could + have + past participle. Conversation Questions What did you study at school / university? What other options did you have? Explain them to your group. Do you remember the interview for your job? What would have happened if you hadn't got it? If you have a partner how did you meet? How could things have happened differently? Think of an important exam you passed or failed in the past, how could things have happened differently? What would you have done this week if you'd had more time? Why? What would you have done last year if you'd had more money? Think of a time when someone helped you with something, what would you have done without their help? Think of a time when you helped someone, what would they have done without your help? Think of a time when you had an accident, how could things have happened differently? Think of a time when you or someone you know was in danger, how could things have happened differently? Think of big decisions you have made in your life related to work / studying / family, how could things have happened differently? How could things be different now? freeenglishlessonplans.com Conversation Questions Conditionals: First, Second, Third Conditional If you don't go to work tomorrow, what will happen? What will you do if it rains tomorrow? What will you do if you learn perfect English? What will you do if a colleague is rude to you? What will you do when you retire? What will happen when we continue polluting the Earth? What will happen if stop using plastic bags?

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ESL / EFL RESOURCES

MIXED CONDITIONALS

Conditional Cards

If I saw a UFO,...	If it rains this weekend,...	If I could change one thing about myself,...
If I hadn't come to class today,...	If I had been born with super powers,...	If my home was near a beach,...
If I'm bored,...	If you send me flowers,...	Life would be a lot easier...
If this country were as cold as the North Pole,...	If this was Saturday night,...	If I get lost,...
My home would be much better...	If I found a wallet in the street,...	If it were my birthday today,...
If I were a teacher,...	If I wake up late,...	If you want to speak English well,...
If I could meet any person in the world,...	If I can't sleep,...	If I were on a desert island,...

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What will happen if \_\_\_\_\_? Looking for more activities? Try 120 Conversation Starters and One-Minute Talk activity. What would you do if an alien from outer space landed their spaceship in your garden? If there suddenly was no internet, how would the world change?

What will you do if \_\_\_\_\_?

14 Question Slips

SECOND CONDITIONAL

• What would you do if you could travel back in time?

• What would you do if you could travel into the future?

• What would you do if you saw a ghost?

• What would you do if you were the richest person alive?

• What would you do if you had a pet dinosaur?

• What would you do if you were a 3D printer?

• What would you do if you were a robot?

• What would you do if you could fly like a bird?

• What would you do if animals could talk?

• What would you do if you were the leader of your country?

• What would you do if spiders could fly?

• What would you do if a robber asked for all of your money?

• What would you do if you were the leader of your country?

• What would you do if you forgot your own name?

• What would you do if you could travel anywhere?

• What would you do if you had a space ship?

How would you spend \$100 000 in 12 hours? What would you do if you could fly? If could go on holiday anywhere in the world, where would you go? If somebody hit you in the face, what would you do? If you survived a plane crash in the jungle, how long would you survive? If you could eat only one thing for the rest of your life, what would that be? If it was possible, would you like to have your own clone? What would you do if \_\_\_\_\_?

What would happen if \_\_\_\_\_? If you had been born in a different country, what would have been different in your life? What would you have done if you had found out you were a lost child of a European monarch and a successor to the throne? How would your life have been different if you had been growing up with 9 siblings? If you could have studied something else, what would that have been? How would your life have changed if you had done something different that one time? What would have happened last weekend if you had partied all night long? If you had been born as a child of a Hollywood celebrity, how would your childhood have been different?

If you had been born Quasimodo, how would your life have changed? If you had been born with 6 fingers on each hand, how would that have changed your life? What would have happened if \_\_\_\_\_? What would you have done if \_\_\_\_\_?

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