

Third conditional

- 1) Read the extracts and answer the questions.

If I had stayed at work, I wouldn't have spent time with Jack when he really needed me.

- a. Did the person stay at work?
- b. Did he spend time with Jack?

I wouldn't have met Nancy if I hadn't come to France!

- a. Did the person come to France?
- b. Did he meet Nancy?

- 2) Look at the Active grammar box and choose the correct underlined words.

Active grammar
We use the Third Conditional to talk about a real/imaginary situation in the present/past.
We make the Third Conditional with ...
if + subject + past perfect + would(n't) have/could(n't) have + past participle.
Past condition Past result (hypothetical)
If I had stayed at work, I wouldn't have spent time with Jack.
OR
Past result (hypothetical) Past condition
I would have cooked dinner if I had known you were coming.
In spoken English, *have* and *had* are usually contracted to 've and 'd.
For a hypothetical situation in the present or future we use the Second Conditional/Third Conditional.
For a hypothetical situation in the past we use the Second Conditional/Third Conditional.

- 3) Match the sentence beginnings with the endings.

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| 1. If I had known the test was today, | a. I would have done some revision. |
| 2. I wouldn't have missed the last train | b. if I'd known you were coming. |
| 3. If I hadn't gone on holiday to Greece, | c. if I hadn't stopped work. |
| 4. I would have organised a party for you | d. if I had left home earlier. |
| 5. I wouldn't have spent so much time with my children | e. I wouldn't have met my husband. |