

CONDITIONAL SENTENCES

Always remember	If clause	Result clause	Examples
True in the present/ Future (General Truth)	Simple Present	Simple Present/Simple Future	(a) If she has enough time, she goes to the library once every week. (b) If she has enough time, she will go to the library once every week.
Untrue in the present/future (Unlikely to happen)	Simple Past	Would+ Simple Form	(c) If she had enough time, she would go to the library once every week. (However, the truth is that she does not have enough time, so she will not go to the library)
Untrue in the past (Impossible situation in past)	Past Perfect	Would have+ past participle	(d) If she had had enough time, she would have gone to the library once every week. (However, the truth is that she didn't have enough time, so she didn't go anywhere.)

THIRD CONDITIONAL

UNTRUE (CONTRARY TO FACT) IN THE PAST

We use the third conditional to talk about actions that are contrary to what really happened in the past.

So, the situations are impossible to happen. The third conditional is used to describe totally hypothetical situations about the past.

STRUCTURE: If + past perfect, would + have + past participle

OR

If + past perfect, would + present perfect

Examples:

If you **had told** me about the problem, I **would have helped** you.

The truth is: you didn't tell me about the problem, so I couldn't help you.

Remember that in spoken English, native speakers will contract everything they can.

Had and would become **'d**
have becomes **'ve**
has becomes **'s**

And they can use those contractions all together in the same sentence:
If you **had told** me about the problem, I **would have helped** you.

becomes
If you **'d told** me about the problem, I **would've helped** you.

OR

If you **'d told** me about the problem, I **'d've helped** you.

If they **had studied**, they **would have passed** the exam.

If they **'d studied**, they **would've passed** the exam.

If they **'d studied**, they **'d've passed** the exam.

In truth, they did not study. They failed the exam.

If I **hadn't slipped** on the ice, I **wouldn't have broken** my arm.

The truth is: I slipped on the ice. I broke my arm.