



B1 - Missed opportunities

Review of zero, first, and second conditionals. Intro to third conditional

Missed opportunities ...



1. Have you ever missed an opportunity? What happened?
2. What would you do differently if you could?
3. Do you believe everything happens for a reason?

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Post-reading discussion questions

1. What regrets does Katja talk about?
2. How do third conditional sentences help her express those feelings?
3. Do you think her children understand her choices?
4. Have you ever felt like Katja about something in your past?



Conditionals overview

Conditional	Use	Structure	Example sentence
Zero	Facts and general truths	If + present simple, present simple	<i>"If you heat ice, it melts."</i>
First	Real future possibility	If + present simple, will + base verb	<i>"If it rains, we will stay inside."</i>
Second	Unreal / impossible now	If + past simple, would + base verb	<i>"If I had more time, I would travel."</i>
Third	Regrets / past hypotheticals	If + past perfect, would have + past participle	<i>"If I had studied, I would have passed."</i>

Match the conditional type to its use or example

1. Zero conditional

a. If I had left earlier, I would have caught the train.

2. First conditional

b. If I drink coffee late, I can't sleep.

3. Second conditional

c. If I won the lottery, I would buy a house.

4. Third conditional

d. If it's cold, we will wear jackets.

5. First conditional

e. If I were you, I wouldn't do that.

Completed the sentences using the correct third conditional form

Third conditional structure: If + past perfect, would have + past participle

1. If I _____ (study), I _____ (pass) the exam.
2. She _____ (come) to the party if you _____ (invite) her.
3. If we _____ (leave) earlier, we _____ (catch) the bus.
4. He _____ (not forget) his passport if he _____ (check) his bag.
5. They _____ (win) the game if they _____ (practice) more.

What are your thoughts about these quotes?



1. *“Opportunities are like sunrises. If you wait too long, you miss them.”*
– William Arthur Ward
2. *“In the end, we only regret the chances we didn’t take.”*
– Lewis Carroll
3. *“You miss 100% of the shots you don’t take.”*
– Wayne Gretzky

Transform into third conditional

1. I didn't go to the interview. I didn't get the job.
2. She forgot his birthday. He got angry.
3. We didn't bring a map. We got lost.
4. He didn't listen to me. He made a mistake.
5. They didn't study. They failed the test.

Third conditional structure:

If + past perfect, would have + past participle

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Choose one of the following topics ...



family

love

work / career

friendships

place of residence

hobbies

... now, think of something in your life that you would change if you could time travel and change it. What would you change? How would that change your life?



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