Mixed conditionals - Worksheet 1 - ANSWERS



Exercise 1: Gap-Fill (Using the Correct Mixed Conditional Form) – Answers

- 1. If I had not failed my driving test, I would be driving to work now.
 - → Third Conditional (past) → Second Conditional (present result).
- 2. If she weren't afraid of heights, she would have climbed the Eiffel Tower last year.
 - → Second Conditional (present) → Third Conditional (past result).
- 3. If they had trained harder, they would be champions now.
 - → Third Conditional (past) → Second Conditional (present result).
- 4. If we had not gotten lost, we would have arrived on time.
 - → Standard Third Conditional.
- 5. If I had more experience, I would have gotten that job last month.
 - → Second Conditional (present) → Third Conditional (past result).
- 6. If only he had not missed the train, he would be here now.
 - → Third Conditional (past) → Second Conditional (present result).
- 7. If I weren't so tired, I would have stayed longer at the party.
 - → Second Conditional (present) → Third Conditional (past result).
- 8. If they **spoke** better English, they **would have found** better jobs abroad.
 - → Second Conditional (present) → Third Conditional (past result).
- 9. If we had left earlier, we would not be stuck in traffic now.
 - → Third Conditional (past) → Second Conditional (present result).
- 10. If she weren't so shy, she would have joined the conversation at dinner.
 - → Second Conditional (present) → Third Conditional (past result).



Exercise 2: Error Correction (Fixing Common Mistakes) – Answers

- 1. X If she would have studied harder, she would be a doctor now.
 - ✓ If she had studied harder, she would be a doctor now.
- 2. X If I wasn't so tired, I would had gone out last night.
 - ✓ If I weren't so tired, I would have gone out last night.
- 3. X If we didn't miss the bus, we would have been at the party now.
 - If we hadn't missed the bus, we would be at the party now.
- 4. X If I weren't lose my keys, I wouldn't had been locked out.
 - ✓ If I hadn't lost my keys, I wouldn't have been locked out.
- 5. X If only he wouldn't have quit his job, he would be earning more money now.
 - If only he hadn't quit his job, he would be earning more money now.
- 6. X If they **didn't leave** so late, they had arrived on time.
 - ✓ If they hadn't left so late, they would have arrived on time.
- 7. X If she had studied law, she will be a lawyer now.
 - If she had studied law, she would be a lawyer now.
- 8. X If I had more time, I **could helped** you with your project.
 - ✓ If I had more time, I **could have helped** you with your project.
- 9. X If he weren't so rude, he would have got the promotion last year.
 - ✓ If he hadn't been so rude, he would have gotten the promotion last year.
- 10. X If they **didn't sell** the house, they would have lived in it now.
 - ✓ If they hadn't sold the house, they would be living in it now.

© Key Takeaways for Students

- ✓ Mixed Conditionals combine different conditional structures to express relationships between past, present, and future events.
- ✓ Mixed Conditional 1 → Third Conditional "If" + Second Conditional "Result" (If I had studied, I would be successful now.)
- ✓ Mixed Conditional 2 → Second Conditional "If" + Third Conditional "Result" (If I weren't so tired, I would have gone out last night.)
- ✓ Can switch "would" for "might/could" to show less certainty (If I had studied, I might be a doctor now.)
- ✓ No comma needed if the result comes first (I would be happier if I'd taken that job.)
- ✓ Avoid common mistakes (No "would have" in the if-clause!)