Third Conditional – Worksheet 1 - ANSWERS

📝 Exercise 1: Gap-Fill (Using the Correct Verb Form in Both Clauses) – Answers

1. If she **had studied**, she **would have passed** the exam.
   → *Standard third conditional structure: past perfect in the if-clause + "would have" in the result clause.*

2. If they **had left** earlier, they **would have caught** the train.
   → *Hypothetical past event that didn't happen.*

3. If I **had not broken** my leg, I **could have run** in the race.
   → *"Could have" shows a past possibility that was missed.*

4. We **would have arrived** on time if we **had not gotten** lost.
   → *Clauses reversed, no comma needed.*

5. If he **had told** me about the meeting, I **would have come**.
   → *Hypothetical past regret.*

6. She **would not have failed** the driving test if she **had not been** so nervous.
   → *Negative past hypothetical.*

7. If the team **had trained** harder, they **might have won** the match.
   → *"Might have" expresses uncertainty about the past result.*

8. **Had I known** about the traffic, I **would have left** earlier.
   → *Formal structure: "Had I known" instead of "If I had known".*

9. If it **had not rained**, we **would have had** a picnic.
   → *Alternative third conditional form using continuous action.*

10. If you **had listened** to my advice, you **would not have made** that mistake.
    → *Past hypothetical situation with a negative result.*

🛠️ Exercise 2: Error Correction (Identifying & Fixing Mistakes) – Answers

1. ❌ If I **would have known** about the test, I would have studied.
   ✅ If I **had known** about the test, I would have studied.

2. ❌ If she **went** to bed earlier, she would have felt better.
   ✅ If she **had gone** to bed earlier, she would have felt better.

3. ❌ Had I **knew** about the problem, I would have solved it.
   ✅ Had I **known** about the problem, I would have solved it.

4. ❌ If we **took** a taxi, we would have arrived on time.
   ✅ If we **had taken** a taxi, we would have arrived on time.

5. ❌ If they **didn't miss** the flight, they wouldn't have been late.
   ✅ If they **hadn't missed** the flight, they wouldn't have been late.

6. ❌ If she hadn't **lose** her phone, she wouldn't have been upset.
   ✅ If she hadn't **lost** her phone, she wouldn't have been upset.

7. ❌ If I **studied** more, I would have passed the exam.
   ✅ If I **had studied** more, I would have passed the exam.

8. ❌ He wouldn't have missed the bus if he **sets** an alarm.
   ✅ He wouldn't have missed the bus if he **had set** an alarm.

9. ❌ If you had **be** more careful, you wouldn't have had an accident.
   ✅ If you had **been** more careful, you wouldn't have had an accident.

10. ❌ We would **of** called you if we had your number.
    ✅ We would **have** called you if we had your number.

🎯 Key Takeaways for Students

✓ **Third conditional** → **Past unreal/hypothetical situations** (*If I had studied, I would have passed.*)
✓ **Standard form** → **If + past perfect**, **would have + past participle**
✓ **Contracted form** → *If I'd known, I'd have told you.*
✓ **No comma needed when reversing clauses** → *I would have passed if I had studied.*
✓ **Formal alternative** → *Had I studied, I would have passed.*
✓ **Passive voice possible** → *If the meeting had been planned better, it would have finished on time.*