

* Conditionals

Part 2:

MIXED CONDITIONALS

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WHAT ARE THEY?

Mixed conditionals are a combination of two different conditional structures.

WHEN DO WE USE THEM?

When the two parts of a conditional sentence refer to different times

STRUCTURE

In mixed conditional sentences the time in the 'if' clause is not the same as the time in the main clause.

TYPES

The most common combinations are:

MIXED THIRD/SECOND CONDITIONAL

Type 3 conditional in the if-clause (if + past perfect) followed by a type 2 conditional (would + infinitive) in the main clause.

Used to contrast an imagined or real event in the past with the present result of that.

Example: If he'd taken the medication as prescribed, he wouldn't still be ill.

MIXED SECOND / THIRD CONDITIONAL

Type 2 conditional in the if-clause (if + past simple) followed by a type 3 conditional (would've + past participle) in the main clause.

We are describing ongoing circumstances in relation to a previous past event.

Example: If I was a good cook, I'd have invited them to lunch.

MIXED THIRD/SECOND CONDITIONAL

PRESENT RESULT OF PAST CONDITION

STRUCTURE: IF' CLAUSE: if+ **past perfect** MAIN CLAUSE: **would+ infinitive**

USE: Refers to an unreal past condition and its probable result in the present.

EXAMPLES I **would be** a millionaire now if I **had taken** that job.
If you'd **caught** that plane you'd **be** dead now.
If we **had looked** at the map, we **wouldn't be** lost .

MIXED SECOND/THIRD CONDITIONAL

PAST RESULT OF PRESENT OR CONTINUING CONDITION

STRUCTURE IF' CLAUSE: if + **simple past** MAIN CLAUSE: **would have+ past participle**

USE The time in the If-clause is now or always, and the time in the main clause is before now.
They refer to an unreal present situation and its probable (but unreal) past result,

EXAMPLES If I **wasn't** afraid of spiders I **would have** picked it up.
If she **wasn't** afraid of flying she **wouldn't have** travelled by boat.
If I **was** a good cook, **I'd have** invited them to lunch.

MIND MAP



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