



If I'd set my alarm clock,
I would have woken
up at six.

I wouldn't have been late
for my first day at work if I
hadn't slept until seven.

Presentation

Use the third conditional (*if* + past perfect) to talk about situations that did not happen in the past. The situation described is often the opposite of what really happened. Use *would have* + past participle to talk about the imagined results of the imagined past situation:

Imagined past situation	Imagined past result
<i>if</i> + past perfect	<i>would have</i> + past participle
If I had set my alarm clock,	I would have woken up.

The contracted form for both *had* and *would* is 'd: *If I'd set my alarm clock, I'd have woken up.*

Don't confuse the two forms. *Had* is followed by a past participle: *If I'd set my alarm, ...* (= *If I had set my alarm, ...*)

Would is followed by *have* + past participle: *I'd have woken up.* (= *I would have woken up.*)

Exercises

1 Complete the sentences with *would have* or *wouldn't have*.

- 1 If you'd brought your umbrella, you wouldn't have got wet when it rained.
- 2 If you'd have come with me, you met some famous celebrities. There were loads of actors and musicians there.
- 3 If I'd known you were going, I come with you. Why didn't you tell me?
- 4 If he hadn't brought his car, we been able to get home. It was really nice of him to give us a lift.
- 5 I become a lawyer if I'd known how much work there was. It's terrible!
- 6 They got lost if they hadn't brought that map. It was very useful.

2 Choose the correct options.

- 1 If I'd *arrive* / *arrived* on time, I'd *have* / *had* spoken to him before he left.
- 2 If my phone *hadn't* / *wouldn't have* run out of battery, I'd *called* / *have called* you.
- 3 I *hadn't arrived* / *wouldn't have arrived* late if my car *hadn't* / *wouldn't have* broken down.
- 4 They'd never *found out* / *have found out* if he *hadn't* / *wouldn't have* said something.
- 5 I think we *would have* / *had* won if we'd *try* / *tried* harder.
- 6 If you'd really *want* / *wanted* to come, you'd *found* / *have found* a way.
- 7 If you *study* / *'d studied* harder, you *'ve passed* / *would have passed* your exams.
- 8 More people *would come* / *would have come* to the party if you *'d invited* / *would invite* everyone you knew.

3 Complete the sentences using the third conditional. Write the full forms.

- 1 The teacher was very angry with him because he hadn't done his homework.
The teacher wouldn't have been so angry with him if he had done his homework.
- 2 I was very tired this morning because I went to bed late last night.
If I late last night, I so tired this morning.
- 3 You didn't tell me it was her birthday, so I didn't bring her a present.
If you her birthday, I a present for her.
- 4 I passed the exam because you helped me.
I the exam if you me.
- 5 I didn't see you, so I didn't say hello.
I hello if you.
- 6 I didn't miss my train because it was delayed.
If the train on time, I it.

4 Complete these sentences about the past so they are true for you.

- 1 If I had, I would have
- 2 I wouldn't have if I'd