# Third Conditional:
## Third Conditional Basics: Affirmative & Negative Forms

Fill in the blank with the correct option.

1.  If I ___ earlier, I would have caught the train.
    a) left
    b) had left
    c) would leave
    d) have left

2.  She would have passed the exam if she ___ harder.
    a) studied
    b) has studied
    c) would study
    d) had studied

3.  If they had arrived on time, they ___ the beginning of the film.
    a) would have seen
    b) would see
    c) had seen
    d) saw

4.  We ___ the match if the weather had been better.
    a) had won
    b) will win
    c) would have won
    d) won

5.  If he ___ the map, he wouldn't have got lost.
    a) checked
    b) has checked
    c) would check
    d) had checked

6.  If you had told me the truth, I ___ so angry.
    a) won't be
    b) wouldn't be
    c) wouldn't have been
    d) hadn't been

7.  They would have helped you if you ___ them.
    a) asked
    b) had asked
    c) would ask
    d) have asked

8.  If we ___ a taxi, we would have arrived much sooner.
    a) had taken
    b) took
    c) would take
    d) have taken

9.  He ___ the job if he had had more experience.
    a) would have got
    b) will get
    c) had got
    d) gets

10. If the alarm had gone off, I ___ late for work.
    a) wasn't
    b) wouldn't have been
    c) won't be
    d) hadn't been

11. If she ___ the email, she would have replied immediately.
    a) saw                                          b) would see
    c) has seen                                      d) had seen

12. I wouldn't have bought that car if I ___ about the problems.
    a) had known                                     b) knew
    c) would know                                    d) have known

13. If the hotel had been cheaper, we ___ there for another night.
    a) stayed                                        b) had stayed
    c) would have stayed                             d) will stay

14. They ___ the flight if the traffic hadn't been so bad.
    a) didn't miss                                   b) hadn't missed
    c) wouldn't have missed                          d) won't miss

15. If I ___ you were in hospital, I would have visited you.
    a) would know                                    b) knew
    c) have known                                    d) had known

16. She ___ the party if she hadn't felt ill.
    a) enjoyed                                       b) would have enjoyed
    c) had enjoyed                                   d) would enjoy

17. If the restaurant ___ so crowded, we wouldn't have waited so long.
    a) wasn't                                        b) isn't
    c) hadn't been                                   d) wouldn't be

18. We would have gone to the beach if it ___.
    a) hadn't rained                                 b) didn't rain
    c) wouldn't rain                                 d) doesn't rain

19. If the children ___ their homework, the teacher would have been pleased.
    a) finished                                      b) had finished
    c) would finish                                  d) have finished

20. I ___ that expensive coat if I hadn't received a bonus.
    a) didn't buy                                    b) won't buy
    c) hadn't bought                                 d) wouldn't have bought

# Answers

1. b) had left
2. d) had studied
3. a) would have seen
4. c) would have won
5. d) had checked
6. c) wouldn't have been
7. b) had asked
8. a) had taken
9. a) would have got
10. b) wouldn't have been
11. d) had seen
12. a) had known
13. c) would have stayed
14. c) wouldn't have missed
15. d) had known
16. b) would have enjoyed
17. c) hadn't been
18. a) hadn't rained
19. b) had finished
20. d) wouldn't have bought

# Explanations

**1. "had left" (b)**

In the third conditional, the if-clause uses past perfect: 'If I had left'. This describes a past unreal situation — you didn't leave earlier, so you missed the train.

**2. "had studied" (d)**

The if-clause uses past perfect even when it comes after the result clause: 'if she had studied'. She didn't study hard — this is an imaginary past situation.

**3. "would have seen" (a)**

The result clause in the third conditional uses 'would have + past participle': 'they would have seen'. They didn't arrive on time, so they missed the beginning.

**4. "would have won" (c)**

The result clause uses 'would have + past participle': 'We would have won'. The weather wasn't good, so they didn't win the match. Never use 'will' in third conditional sentences.

**5. "had checked" (d)**

The if-clause uses past perfect: 'If he had checked'. He didn't check the map, so he got lost. The negative result clause 'wouldn't have got lost' shows what would have been different.

**6. "wouldn't have been" (c)**

The negative result clause uses 'wouldn't have + past participle': 'I wouldn't have been'. You didn't tell the truth, so I was angry. 'Wouldn't be' is second conditional (present unreal), not third.

**7. "had asked" (b)**

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'if you had asked'. You didn't ask them, so they didn't help. The result clause 'would have helped' shows the imaginary outcome.

**8. "had taken" (a)**

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'If we had taken'. We didn't take a taxi, so we arrived late. In the third conditional, the if-clause always uses 'had + past participle'.

**9. "would have got" (a)**

Result clause: 'He would have got'. He didn't have enough experience, so he didn't get the job. Note the double 'had' in 'had had' — the first is the past perfect auxiliary and the second is the main verb 'have'.

**10. "wouldn't have been" (b)**

Negative result clause: 'I wouldn't have been late'. The alarm didn't go off, so I was late. Use 'wouldn't have + past participle' for the negative result in the third conditional.

**11. "had seen" (d)**

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'If she had seen'. She didn't see the email, so she didn't reply. The third conditional always uses past perfect in the if-clause.

**12. "had known" (a)**

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'if I had known'. I didn't know about the problems, so I bought the car. The negative result 'wouldn't have bought' expresses regret.

**13. "would have stayed" (c)**

Result clause: 'we would have stayed'. The hotel wasn't cheap enough, so we didn't stay another night. Use 'would have + past participle' for the result.

### 14. "wouldn't have missed" (c)

Negative result clause: 'They wouldn't have missed'. The traffic was bad, so they missed the flight. Note the negative if-clause 'hadn't been' combined with the negative result 'wouldn't have missed'.

### 15. "had known" (d)

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'If I had known'. I didn't know you were in hospital, so I didn't visit. This expresses regret about a past situation.

### 16. "would have enjoyed" (b)

Result clause: 'She would have enjoyed'. She felt ill, so she didn't enjoy the party. 'Would enjoy' would be second conditional (present unreal), but here we're talking about a past event.

### 17. "hadn't been" (c)

Negative past perfect in the if-clause: 'If the restaurant hadn't been'. The restaurant was crowded, so we waited a long time. Use 'hadn't + past participle' for negative if-clauses.

### 18. "hadn't rained" (a)

Negative past perfect: 'if it hadn't rained'. It rained, so we didn't go to the beach. In the third conditional, negative if-clauses use 'hadn't + past participle'.

### 19. "had finished" (b)

Past perfect in the if-clause: 'If the children had finished'. They didn't finish their homework, so the teacher wasn't pleased. Always use 'had + past participle' in the if-clause of the third conditional.

### 20. "wouldn't have bought" (d)

Negative result clause: 'I wouldn't have bought'. I received a bonus, so I bought the coat. Without the bonus, I wouldn't have bought it. Use 'wouldn't have + past participle' for the negative result.