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Basics. Third Conditional: Unreal Past Situations

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Auxiliary verb | Clause | Conditional sentence | Modal verb | Negation | Past tense | Subjunctive mood | Verb | Verb tense | Perfect tense

1. Select the grammatically correct sentence from the sleepy student's diary.

Select one.

A) If I set my alarm, I wouldn't have missed the final exam.
B) If I had set my alarm, I wouldn't have missed the final exam.
C) If I would have set my alarm, I hadn't missed the final exam.
D) If I had set my alarm, I didn't miss the final exam.

2. Choose the right words to finish the student's tragic (but completely avoidable) story.

If my evil cat _____ off my alarm clock, I _____ yesterday's final exam.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) hadn't turned
B) didn't turn
C) hasn't turned

Blank 2

A) might pass
B) could have passed
C) had passed

3. Help the detective finish her official report about a rather embarrassing bank heist.

The robbers wouldn't have escaped so easily if the security guard _____ asleep on the job.

Select one.

A) didn't fall
B) wouldn't have fallen
C) hadn't fallen
D) hasn't fallen

4. Help the careless time traveler update his official mission log.

If I _____ to pack the spare battery, my time machine _____ down in the year 1899.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) had remembered
B) remembered
C) have remembered

Blank 2

A) wouldn't break
B) wouldn't have broken
C) hadn't broken

5. Help the panicked time traveler complete his diary entry by choosing the correct phrase for each gap.

If I _____ to pet the baby T-Rex, I _____ the entire space-time continuum.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** didn't try
- **B)** had not tried
- **C)** wouldn't try

Blank 2

- **A)** didn't ruin
- **B)** hadn't ruined
- **C)** would not have ruined

6. Choose the right phrase to complete the tired camper's complaint.

If you had brought the map like you promised, we _____ wandering around these spooky woods for three hours!

Select one.

- **A)** could avoid
- **B)** had avoided
- **C)** could have avoided
- **D)** will have avoided

7. Help the clumsy baker reflect on his kitchen disaster by choosing the correct verb forms to complete his thought.

If I _____ sugar instead of salt, the cake _____ much better!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** have used
- **B)** had used
- **C)** would use

Blank 2

- **A)** had tasted
- **B)** tasted
- **C)** would have tasted

8. Help the detective review her old case files. She is thinking about a bank robbery where the thief got away simply because the security guard took a nap!

Choose ALL the options that correctly complete her thought process using the third conditional.

"If the security guard hadn't fallen asleep, _____"

Select all that apply.

- **A)** the thief wouldn't have escaped so easily.
- **B)** we could have caught the robbers red-handed.
- **C)** the thief didn't escape so easily.
- **D)** we would caught the robbers red-handed.
- **E)** the thief wouldn't had escaped.

9. Complete the amateur detective's explanation of how she cracked the case.

The notorious jewel thief _____ if he _____ so loudly while hiding in the closet last night.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** would have escaped
- **B)** would escape
- **C)** will have escaped

Blank 2

- **A)** didn't sneeze
- **B)** wasn't sneezing
- **C)** hadn't sneezed

10. Complete the baker's tragic realization after a disastrous cooking competition.

If I had remembered to add the sugar, the judges _____ me the first prize yesterday!

Select one.

- **A)** would give
- **B)** will give
- **C)** would have given
- **D)** had given

11. Complete the clumsy baker's dramatic apology to his customers.

If I _____ the salt for sugar yesterday, your beautiful wedding cake _____ like the ocean!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** didn't mistake
- **B)** hadn't mistaken
- **C)** haven't mistaken

Blank 2

- **A)** wouldn't taste
- **B)** won't have tasted
- **C)** wouldn't have tasted

12. Help the clumsy chef analyze his kitchen disaster! He ruined his famous soup by accidentally dumping a whole cup of salt into the pot.

Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that describe what could have been.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** If I hadn't added so much salt, the soup would have been perfect.
- **B)** The soup might have been saved if I had tasted it first.
- **C)** If I didn't add so much salt, the soup would have been perfect.
- **D)** The soup would have been perfect if I would have tasted it.

13. Complete the detective's frustrated case notes by choosing the correct word for each blank.

We _____ the phantom thief if we _____ those muddy footprints earlier.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** would catch
- **B)** could have caught
- **C)** had caught

Blank 2

- **A)** noticed
- **B)** would notice
- **C)** had noticed

14. Review the traveler's frustrated diary entry. They are stuck at the airport because they left their passport on the kitchen counter at home.

Select ALL the sentences that correctly use the third conditional to express their past regrets!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** If I had remembered my passport, I wouldn't have missed the flight.
- **B)** I could have caught the plane if I hadn't left my passport at home.
- **C)** If I remembered my passport, I wouldn't have missed the flight.
- **D)** I would have caught the plane if I hadn't have left my passport.

15. The Time Travel Agency is investigating a massive timeline violation. A rookie time traveler went back to the Jurassic period and accidentally stepped on a prehistoric bug, altering history!

Select ALL the grammatically correct statements that belong in the Agency's official report.

Select all that apply.

A) If the traveler hadn't stepped on that bug, the timeline wouldn't have changed.
B) History might have remained the same if he had watched his step.
C) If the traveler wouldn't have stepped on the bug, the timeline hadn't changed.
D) History could have remained the same if he watches his step.