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CONDITIONAL TYPE III

FORM

- ✘ ***if* + Past Perfect, main clause with Conditional II**
 - + Example: If I had found her address, I would have sent her an invitation.
- ✘ The main clause can also be at the beginning of the sentence. In this case, don't use a comma.
 - + Example: I would have sent her an invitation if I had found her address.
- ✘ **Note:** Main clause and / or if clause might be negative. See Past Perfect and Conditional II on how to form negative sentences.
 - + Example: If I hadn't studied, I wouldn't have passed my exams.

USE

- ✘ Conditional Sentences Type III refer to situations in the past. An action could have happened in the past if a certain condition had been fulfilled. Things were different then, however. We just imagine, what would have happened if the situation had been fulfilled.
 - + Example: If I had found her address, I would have sent her an invitation.
 - ✘ Some time in the past, I wanted to send an invitation to a friend. I didn't find her address, however. So in the end I didn't send her an invitation.
 - + Example: If John had had the money, he would have bought a Ferrari.
 - ✘ I knew John very well and I know that he never had much money, but he loved Ferraris. He would have loved to own a Ferrari, but he never had the money to buy one.
- ✘ Also notice that sometimes the 'if clause' is implied rather than spoken, especially in spoken English.
 - + I'd have done it. ("if you had asked me but you didn't.")
 - + I wouldn't have said that. ("if I'd been there.")
 - + He wouldn't have let him get away with that. ("if he had tried that with me.")

TO LEARN MORE...

✘ Exercises

- + exercise 1
- + exercise 2
- + exercise 3
- + exercise 4
- + exercise 5
- + exercise 6
- + exercise 7

✘ Review: all 3 types