

Past Perfect

Student Worksheet

B2 Upper
Intermediate

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Exercise 1 — True or False? (8 points)

Read each statement. Write **True** or **False**.

1. The third conditional uses the Past Perfect in the if-clause and would have + past participle in the result.

Answer: _____

2. "I wish I had studied harder" expresses regret about a past situation.

Answer: _____

3. "I wish I studied harder" and "I wish I had studied harder" mean exactly the same thing.

Answer: _____

4. A mixed conditional always combines two clauses from the same time frame.

Answer: _____

5. "Should have" implies criticism or regret about something not done.

Answer: _____

6. "Could have" means something was impossible in the past.

Answer: _____

7. In "If I had taken that job, I would be in Tokyo now", the result refers to the present.

Answer: _____

8. "Would have" can be replaced by "could have" or "might have" in third conditional sentences.

Answer: _____

Exercise 2 — Multiple Choice (8 points)

Choose the correct form. Circle your answer.

1. If she ____ the contract more carefully, she would have noticed the clause.

(had read / read / has read)

2. I wish I ____ him about my plans — he could have helped.

(had told / told / have told)

3. If I ____ that job, I would be living in Paris now.

(had accepted / accepted / have accepted)

4. You ____ told me sooner — I wasted hours on it.

(should have / could have / would have)

5. She wishes she ____ so much time worrying about things she couldn't control.

(hadn't spent / didn't spend / haven't spent)

6. If he ____ more careful with money, he wouldn't have had to borrow.

(had been / was / has been)

7. I ____ joined you if I had known you were going.

(would have / should have / had)

8. If she ____ more confident, she would have got the promotion years ago.

(were / had been / was)

Exercise 3 — Matching (8 points)

Match each sentence (1–8) to the correct description (a–h). Write the letter.

Sentences	Descriptions
1. If they had invested in property earlier, they would have made a fortune.	A. Third conditional — imaginary past condition and its unrealised result.
2. I wish I had taken better care of my health when I was young.	B. Wish + Past Perfect expressing regret about a past decision.
3. If she had grown up bilingual, she would find languages much easier now.	C. Mixed conditional — past condition with a present result.
4. You should have double-checked the figures before submitting the report.	D. Should have — criticism or regret about something not done.
5. I could have warned you if you had asked me earlier.	E. Could have — an unrealised possibility in the past.
6. She wishes she hadn't resigned so impulsively.	F. Wish + Past Perfect — regret about a past action that cannot be undone.
7. If he were more decisive, he would have closed the deal months ago.	G. Mixed conditional — present condition with a past result.
8. They would have succeeded if they had had better leadership.	H. Third conditional — the unrealised result of a different past situation.

Exercise 4 — Gap Fill (8 points)

Choose the correct form from the brackets.

1. If I ____ the meeting, I would have supported her proposal.

(had attended / attended / have attended)

2. I wish I ____ more time with my grandparents while they were alive.

(had spent / spent / have spent)

3. If he ____ abroad for a year, he would speak the language fluently now.

(had lived / lived / has lived)

4. She ____ asked for feedback — nobody told her there was a problem.

(should have / could have / would have)

5. She wishes she ____ before making such a major decision.

(hadn't rushed / didn't rush / hasn't rushed)

6. If they ____ the contract terms, they would have avoided the dispute.

(had negotiated / negotiated / have negotiated)

7. We ____ finished earlier if you had helped.

(could have / should have / would)

8. If he ____ more patient, he would have got the promotion long ago.
(were / had been / was)
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Exercise 5 — Word Order (8 points)

Put the words in the correct order to make a sentence.

1. known / I / told / I / had / would / If / have / you

2. taken / wish / had / opportunity / I / that / I

3. studied / she / medicine / had / be / would / doctor / a / If / now / she

4. details / should / You / checked / first / the / have

5. said / She / hadn't / that / wishes / she

6. organised / he / more / If / were / finished / would / he / on / time / have

7. helped / I / asked / could / have / if / you / had

8. planned / they / better / succeeded / have / project / the / would / If / had

Exercise 6 — Word Sort (8 points)

Write each sentence in the correct column of the table below.

Word bank: If they had communicated better, the project would have succeeded. | If we had left five minutes earlier, we would have caught the train. | If she had asked for help, someone would have assisted her. | I wish I had applied for that scholarship. | She wishes she had kept in touch with her old colleagues. | I wish I hadn't agreed to that contract. | If he had invested then, he would be wealthy now. | If she were more assertive, she would have got the role years ago. | If I had grown up near the sea, I would love swimming now. | You should have backed up your files. | He could have avoided the whole situation with one phone call. | They would have warned us if they had known.

Third Conditional	Wish + Past Perfect	Mixed Conditional	Should/Could/Would have
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation (8 points)

Choose the correct form from the brackets.

A: If I ____ that scholarship, I'd be living in New York right now.

(had taken / took / have taken)

B: I wish I ____ for more opportunities when I was younger.

(had applied / applied / have applied)

A: Me too. I ____ been braver about it.

(should have / could have / would)

B: If you ____ offered it again today, would you take it?

(had been / were / have been)

A: Absolutely. I ____ done so much more with it.

(could have / should have / would)

B: I wish I ____ so risk-averse. I'd probably be in a very different place now.

(hadn't been / wasn't / haven't been)

Past Perfect — ANSWER KEY

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✓ **had lived**

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✓ could have
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✓ were
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Exercise 5 — Word Order

1. ✓ If I had known I would have told you
 2. ✓ I wish I had taken that opportunity
 3. ✓ If she had studied medicine she would be a doctor now
 4. ✓ You should have checked the details first
 5. ✓ She wishes she hadn't said that
 6. ✓ If he were more organised he would have finished on time
 7. ✓ I could have helped if you had asked
 8. ✓ If they had planned better the project would have succeeded
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Exercise 6 — Word Sort

Third Conditional:

- ✓ If they had communicated better, the project would have succeeded.
- ✓ If we had left five minutes earlier, we would have caught the train.
- ✓ If she had asked for help, someone would have assisted her.

Wish + Past Perfect:

- ✓ I wish I had applied for that scholarship.
- ✓ She wishes she had kept in touch with her old colleagues.
- ✓ I wish I hadn't agreed to that contract.

Mixed Conditional:

- ✓ If he had invested then, he would be wealthy now.
- ✓ If she were more assertive, she would have got the role years ago.
- ✓ If I had grown up near the sea, I would love swimming now.

Should/Could/ Would have:

- ✓ You should have backed up your files.

- ✓ He could have avoided the whole situation with one phone call.
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Exercise 7 — Complete the Conversation

1. A: If I ____ that scholarship, I'd be living in New York right now.

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2. B: I wish I ____ for more opportunities when I was younger.

✓ had applied

3. A: Me too. I ____ been braver about it.

✓ should have

4. B: If you ____ offered it again today, would you take it?

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5. A: Absolutely. I ____ done so much more with it.

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