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No	Question	Correct Answer	Feedback
1	Oh, no! Look at these numbers. If we ….that lottery ticket, he …. very rich now. **a.** had bought / would have been **b.** had bought / would be **c.** bought / would have been	**b.** had bought / would be	This is a mixed clause. We're mixing third conditional with second conditional. We are talking about a present result of a past event. The speaker could be very rich now. However, it didn't happen.
2	If the development of electric cars …., we…..a less polluted world. **a.** hadn't been ceased/ 'd have **b.** weren't ceased/ 'd have had **c.** hadn't been ceased/ 'd have had	**a.** hadn't been ceased/ 'd have	This is a mixed clause. We're mixing third conditional with second conditional. The development didn't continue in the past and we have a polluted world now.
3	I think they didn't like the dinner. If we ….. the barbecue, they……the dinner much more. **a.** set up / would have loved **b.** had set up / would love **c.** had set up/ would have loved	**c.** had set up/ would have loved	This is a third type conditional. We're talking about an imaginary situation in the past. The speaker regrets that they didn't set up barbecue and their guests didn't like the food. Both clauses refer to past.
4	If I …..your allergy, I…….. strawberries for you. **a.** had known/wouldn't buy **b.** knew/wouldn't have bought **c.** had known/wouldn't have bought	**c.** had known/ wouldn't have bought	This is a third conditional. The speaker feels guilty for buying strawberries and wants to justify himself using a third conditional sentence. *Option b* isn't possible because the allergy is known now.
5	If Bob……. a mature man on that occasion, he ……. his temper yesterday. Now, he's very shamed of his actions. **a.** had been/would have kept **b.** were/would have kept **c.** hadn't been/would have kept	**a.** had been/ would have kept	This is a third type conditional. Bob didn't behave like a mature person in the past and he lost his temper, which also happened in the past.
6	Mark is just a careless boy all the time. If Mark …… so clumsy, he ……. my favourite knick-knack. **a.** weren't/wouldn't have broken **b.** hadn't been/wouldn't have broken **c.** were/wouldn't have broken	**a.** weren't/ wouldn't have broken	This is a mixed clause. We're mixing second conditional with third conditional. "*Mark is a careless person*" is true for both present and past; and he broke the knick-knack in the past.
7	If they ……..the ambulance earlier, they…….his life. **a.** called/would have saved **b.** had called/would save **c.** had called/would have saved	**c.** had called/ would have saved	This is a third type conditional. We're talking about an imaginary situation in the past. The speaker regrets that they may have called the ambulance earlier but they didn't. Both clauses refer to past.
8	Thomas ……. his project on time if he ……. the day out. Now, it is too late. **a.** would submit/hadn't spent **b.** would have submitted/hadn't spent **c.** would have submitted/spent	**b.** would have submitted/ hadn't spent	This is a third type conditional. We're talking about an imaginary situation in the past. Thomas spent the day out, and did not spent time on his project instead.
9	I …… about her father if I …. he was dead. **a.** wouldn't have talked/had known **b.** wouldn't talk/had known **c.** wouldn't have talked/knew	**a.** wouldn't have talked/ had known	This is a third type conditional. The speaker didn't know the father's death at the time of speaking. He knows it now, so we can't choose *option c*. Both clauses refer to past.
10	Fortunately, we stopped searching for a new place. We …… to somewhere else if there ……. any improvements. **a.** would have moved/hadn't been **b.** would have moved/had been **c.** would have moved/weren't	**a.** would have moved/ hadn't been	This is a third type conditional. The speaker tells that positive things (improvements) were realized where they live. So *option b* is meaningless. "We stopped searching." suggests that *the moving to somewhere else* and *improvements* are in the past. So we can't choose *option c*, as the improvements happened in the past as well.