Complete with the Third Conditional

We can use the Third Conditional to talk about 'impossible' conditions, impossible because they are in the past and we cannot change what has happened.

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\text{If + Past Perfect } \Rightarrow \text{ / would have + participle}
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1. If I \(\underline{\text{worked}}\) harder at school, I \(\underline{\text{would have gotten}}\) better grades.

2. If I \(\underline{\text{had}}\) time, I \(\underline{\text{would have gone}}\) to see him. But I didn't have time.

3. I \(\underline{\text{would have forgotten}}\) if you \(\underline{\text{hadn't reminded}}\) me.

4. If we \(\underline{\text{bought}}\) that house, \(\underline{\text{would have built}}\) a storage room.

5. If we \(\underline{\text{caught}}\) the earlier train, we \(\underline{\text{would have gotten}}\) there on time but we were late.

6. If I \(\underline{\text{saw}}\) him at the meeting, I \(\underline{\text{would have asked}}\) him.

7. If I \(\underline{\text{paid}}\) more attention in class, I \(\underline{\text{would have understood}}\) the lesson.

8. If he \(\underline{\text{didn't miss}}\) his train, he \(\underline{\text{wouldn't have missed}}\) the flight.

9. You were late because you walked. It \(\underline{\text{would have been}}\) quicker, if you \(\underline{\text{had taken}}\) a taxi.

10. If she \(\underline{\text{brought}}\) the book, I \(\underline{\text{would have explained}}\) her the subject.

11. She \(\underline{\text{would have become}}\) a teacher if she \(\underline{\text{had gone}}\) to university.

12. He \(\underline{\text{would have been}}\) on time for the interview if he \(\underline{\text{had left}}\) the house at nine.

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ANSWER KEY:

1. had worked / would have got
2. had had / would have gone
3. would have forgotten / hadn't reminded
4. had bought / would have built
5. had caught / would have got
6. had seen / would have asked
7. had paid / I would have understood
8. hadn't missed / wouldn't have missed
9. would have been / had taken
10. had brought / would have explained
11. would have become / had gone
12. would have been / had left