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FREE GRAMMAR PRACTICE · FORMS 1–3

Second or Third Conditional?

Unreal now (second) or unreal in the past (third)?

	Second conditional	Third conditional
Time	now / future (not real)	past (did not happen)
Form	If + **past**, **would** + verb	If + **had + past participle**, **would have** + past participle
Example	If I **had** wings, I **would fly**.	If I **had seen** you, I **would have waved**.

Check when both the condition and the result happen. In this exercise, use the **second** conditional for an imagined present or future situation and the **third** for an imagined past condition and past result.

PART A Choose

Tick (✓) the correct verb.

1. If I (☐ had ☐ had had) more money now, I would buy a new phone.
2. If Paul had trained harder, he (☐ would win ☐ would have won) yesterday's race.
3. If we (☐ lived ☐ had lived) closer to school, we could walk there every day.

PART B Fill in

Fill in the verbs. Use would in the result clause.

1. If Ben _____ (be) taller, he _____ (play) basketball for the school team.
2. If Lucy _____ (remember) my birthday, I _____ (be) so happy at last week's party.
3. We _____ (miss) the plane last night if the taxi _____ (not come) on time.

PART C Rewrite

Rewrite with If. Decide: second or third conditional?

1. I did not bring my camera, so I did not take any photos.

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2. Tom does not have a key, so he cannot get in.

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Answers **A** 1 had · 2 would have won · 3 lived **B** 1 were / was; would play · 2 had remembered; would have been · 3 would have missed; had not come / hadn't come **C** 1 If I had brought my camera, I would have taken some photos. (third) · 2 If Tom had a key, he could / would get in. (second)

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