



Mixed Conditional Sentences

In these sentences, the time in the IF CLAUSE is not the same as in the MAIN CLAUSE.

Past and Present

If I had won the lottery, I would be rich.

(I didn't win the lottery in the PAST so I am not rich in the PRESENT.)

If I had taken French in high school, I would have more job opportunities.

If I had taken French in the PAST, I would have more job opportunities in the PRESENT.

Past and Future

If she had written the exam last month, she would be graduating at next week's ceremony.

If she had written the exam in the PAST, she would graduate in the FUTURE.

If they had gone shopping in Seattle last weekend, she wouldn't be looking for a dress to wear to the party tomorrow.

If she had gone shopping in the PAST, she wouldn't need something to wear in the FUTURE.

Present and Past

If Sam spoke German, he would have translated the letter.

If Sam spoke German in the PRESENT, he would have translated the letter in the PAST.

If Molly shopped at better stores, her clothes would have lasted longer.

If Molly had shopped in the PAST, her clothes would last in the PRESENT.

Present and Future

If Cindy were more creative, her manager would give her a promotion.

If Cindy were more creative in the PRESENT, her manager would promote her in the FUTURE.

If wishes were horses, beggars would ride.

If wishes were horses in the PRESENT, beggars would ride in the FUTURE.