**Third conditionaI**

**Form**

* We form the third conditional using:

***lf + past perfect, would have + past participle***

***lf*** *we* ***had******planned*** *the trip, we* ***would******have******reached*** *our destination more quickly.*

*We* ***wouldn't******have******been*** *late* ***if******you'd******checked*** *the timetable.*

* We can also form the third conditional with ***could*** and ***might*** instead of *would*.

*She* ***could*** *have visited the Colosseum if she'd gone to Rome.*

*lf you'd eaten in that restaurant, you* ***might*** *have seen someone famous.*

* We can use if in two positions:

If-clause first: *lf we had planned the trip, we would have reached our destination more quickly*.

Main clause first: *We would have reached our destination more quickly if we had planned the trip.*

When the *if*-clause is at the beginning of the sentence, we use a comma to separate it from the main clause.

**Use**

* We use the third conditional to talk about situations in the past that did not happen and the hypothetical consequence or result of the imagined past situation. The situation described is often the opposite of what actually happened.

*If I had seen him, I would have said hello*. (I didn't see him and l didn't say hello.)

*If I had travelled abroad, l would have taken my passport.*

* Note that the contracted form of both ***would*** and ***had*** are ***'d***.

*If* ***l'd*** *seen him* ***l'd*** *have said hello.*

Don't confuse the two forms, ***had*** is followed by a ***past participle***:

*If* ***I'd seen*** *him, ... = If* ***I had seen*** *him, ...*

***Would*** is followed by ***have + past participle***:

***I'd******have said*** *hello.* ***= I would have said*** *hello.*

* We can use ***could***/***might*** (***not***) have to speculate on a possible consequence of the imagined past situation.

*If he had asked for directions, he* ***might*** *not have got Iost.*