**Activity Type**
Reading, writing and speaking activity, pairwork

**Language Focus**
Third conditional

**Aim**
To complete third conditional sentences with verb phrases.

**Preparation**
Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

**Level**
Intermediate

**Time**
30 minutes

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**Introduction**
In this productive worksheet activity, students practice the third conditional by completing sentences with missing verb phrases.

**Procedure**

**Divide the students into pairs (A and B).**

**Give each student a corresponding worksheet.**

**Explain that the students are going to practice the third conditional by completing sentences with missing verb phrases.**

**Tell the students to read the ten sentences on their worksheet and think about how they could complete the gaps. Tell the students that they should not write anything at this stage.**

**Explain that a plus sign (+) at the end of the sentence means the verb phrase is positive, and a minus sign (-) means the verb phrase is negative. Also, point out that a contraction (e.g. wouldn't) counts as one word.**

**Student A starts by reading the first sentence to Student B, adding in their guess for the missing verb phrase.**

**Student A has three chances to guess each missing verb phrase.**

**If Student A guesses the exact words that Student B has in bold on their worksheet, Student A scores three points, writes the missing words in the gaps, and moves on to the next sentence.**

**If their guess is wrong, Student A tries again for two points and then for one point.**

**This continues until all the third conditional sentences have been guessed.**

**It's then Student B's turn to guess the missing verb phrases in their sentences.**

**The student with the most points at the end of the game wins.**

**Afterwards, have a class feedback session. Go through any problem areas with the students. You might also want to ask the students which sentences express regret and which express criticism.**
Student A

A. Read the third conditional sentences (1 to 10) and think about how you could complete the gaps. Don't write anything yet! Where there is a (+) the verb phrase is positive, and where there is a (-) the verb phrase is negative. A contraction (e.g. wouldn't) counts as one word.

1. If I had studied harder, I _________ _________ _________ the exam. (+)
2. If it _________ _________, we could have gone to the beach. (-)
3. I would have sent you a postcard if I _________ _________ your address. (+)
4. If I’d known it was going to be sunny, I _________ _________ _________ my sunglasses. (+)
5. He would have been on time for the interview if he _________ _________ the house late. (-)
6. If I had paid more attention in class, I _________ _________ _________ the lesson. (+)
7. If we _________ _________ to the cinema, we would have seen Star Wars. (+)
8. We would have swum in the sea if there _________ _________ so many jellyfish. (-)
9. If you had saved your money, you _________ _________ _________ a house. (+)
10. If I _________ _________ them, I would have invited them to the party. (+)

B. Read sentence 1 to your partner, adding in your guess for the missing verb phrase. You have three chances to guess the missing words. If you guess correctly the first time, you win three points. You then write the missing words in the gaps. If your guess is wrong, try again for two points and then for one point. Continue with sentences 2 to 10.

C. Now, listen to Student B’s guesses for the sentences below. Your partner must say the exact words in bold to win points.

A. If I had not broken my leg, I _________ _________ _________ part in the competition. (+)
B. If it had snowed, we _________ _________ _________ skiing. (+)
C. If you had driven more carefully, you _________ _________ _________ an accident. (-)
D. She _________ _________ _________ tired if she had gone to bed earlier. (-)
E. If I _________ _________ him at the meeting, I would have asked him. (-)
F. If I hadn't eaten so much, I _________ _________ _________ sick. (-)
G. If we had taken a taxi, we _________ _________ _________ the plane. (-)
H. Their teacher would have been sad if they _________ _________ _________ their exam. (-)
I. If I _________ _________ more time, I would have gone to see him. (+)
J. If we had played a little better, we _________ _________ _________ the match. (+)
K. If you _________ _________ me, I would have helped you. (+)
Complete the Conditional

Student B

A. Read the third conditional sentences (A to K) and think about how you could complete the gaps. Don't write anything yet! Where there is a (+) the verb phrase is positive, and where there is a (-) the verb phrase is negative. A contraction (e.g. wouldn't) counts as one word.

A. If I had not broken my leg, I _______ _______ _______ part in the competition. (+)
B. If it had snowed, we _______ _______ _______ skiing. (+)
C. If you had driven more carefully, you _______ _______ _______ an accident. (-)
D. She _______ _______ _______ _______ if she had gone to bed earlier. (-)
E. If I _______ _______ him at the meeting, I would have asked him. (+)
F. If I hadn't eaten so much, I _______ _______ _______ sick. (-)
G. If we had taken a taxi, we _______ _______ _______ the plane. (-)
H. Their teacher would have been sad if they _______ _______ _______ their exam. (-)
I. If I _______ _______ more time, I would have gone to see him. (+)
J. If we had played a little better, we _______ _______ _______ the match. (+)
K. If you _______ _______ me, I would have helped you. (+)

B. Listen to Student A’s guesses for the sentences below. Your partner must say the exact words in \textbf{bold} to win points.

1. If I had studied harder, I \textbf{would have passed} the exam. (+)
2. If it \textbf{hadn't rained}, we could have gone to the beach. (-)
3. I would have sent you a postcard if I \textbf{had had} your address. (+)
4. If I'd known it was going to be sunny, I \textbf{would have brought} my sunglasses. (+)
5. He would have been on time for the interview if he \textbf{hadn't left} the house late. (-)
6. If I had paid more attention in class, I \textbf{would have understood} the lesson. (+)
7. If we \textbf{had gone} to the cinema, we would have seen Star Wars. (+)
8. We would have swum in the sea if there \textbf{hadn't been} so many jellyfish. (-)
9. If you had saved your money, you \textbf{could have bought} a house. (+)
10. If I \textbf{had seen} them, I would have invited them to the party. (+)

C. Now, read sentence A to your partner, adding in your guess for the missing verb phrase. You have three chances to guess the missing words. If you guess correctly the first time, you win three points. You then write the missing words in the gaps. If your guess is wrong, try again for two points and then for one point. Continue with sentences B to K.