

Mixed conditionals Type II: *if + Past Perfect, would/wouldn't + infinitive*

We use Type II mixed conditionals to speculate about past events which didn't happen, and this has certain effects or consequences in the present:

*If she **hadn't split up** with Harold two years ago, Gina **wouldn't be** so unhappy now. (But she did and now she is unhappy.)*

*He **would be** a free man now if the police **had stopped** looking for him then. (But the police didn't stop looking and he isn't free.)*

As with all types of conditionals, we can use *could*, *might* or *should* instead of *would* in mixed conditional sentences.

... form of the verb

6.5 Mixed conditionals

We can mix Second and Third Conditional forms, creating mixed conditional sentences Type I or Type II.

Mixed conditionals Type I: *if + Past Simple, would/wouldn't have + past participle*

We use Type I mixed conditionals to speculate about permanent states or situations which had a result in the past:

*If Sergio **didn't speak** English with an Italian accent, he **wouldn't have been recognised** and arrested last month.*

(But because he speaks with an accent, he was arrested.)

*If I **was taller**, I **would have got** the main role in the school play. (But I didn't get the role because I'm not taller.)*