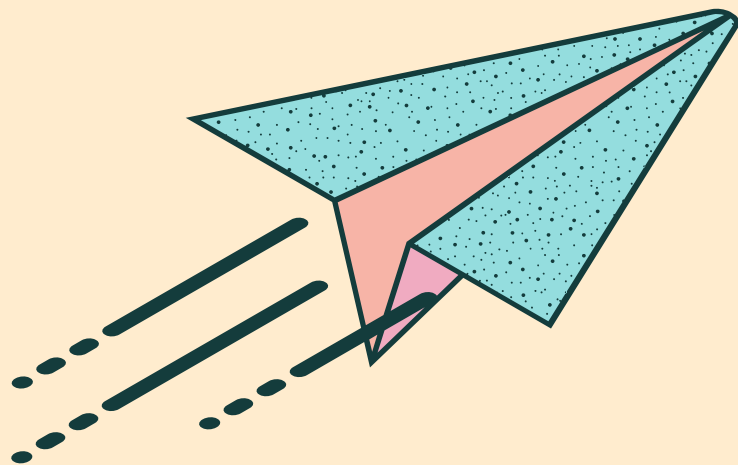




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MIXED CONDITIONALS FOR BUSINESS ENGLISH

B2 LEVEL



MIXED CONDITIONALS

We use the mixed conditionals to talk about a past condition that had a present result and viceversa .

SAMPLE SENTENCES

- If we **hadn't missed** the functionality requirement described in the last point of the brief, we **wouldn't be working** on it now.
- If we **had had** a complete and well-thought-out Plan B, we **could just celebrate** our success now and not be thinking about how we are going to finish the project in just a week.

THE RULE

- We use *if + past perfect, would/could/might + infinitive* to talk about PRESENT/~~PAST~~ results of a hypothetical situation or condition in the ~~PRESENT~~/PAST.

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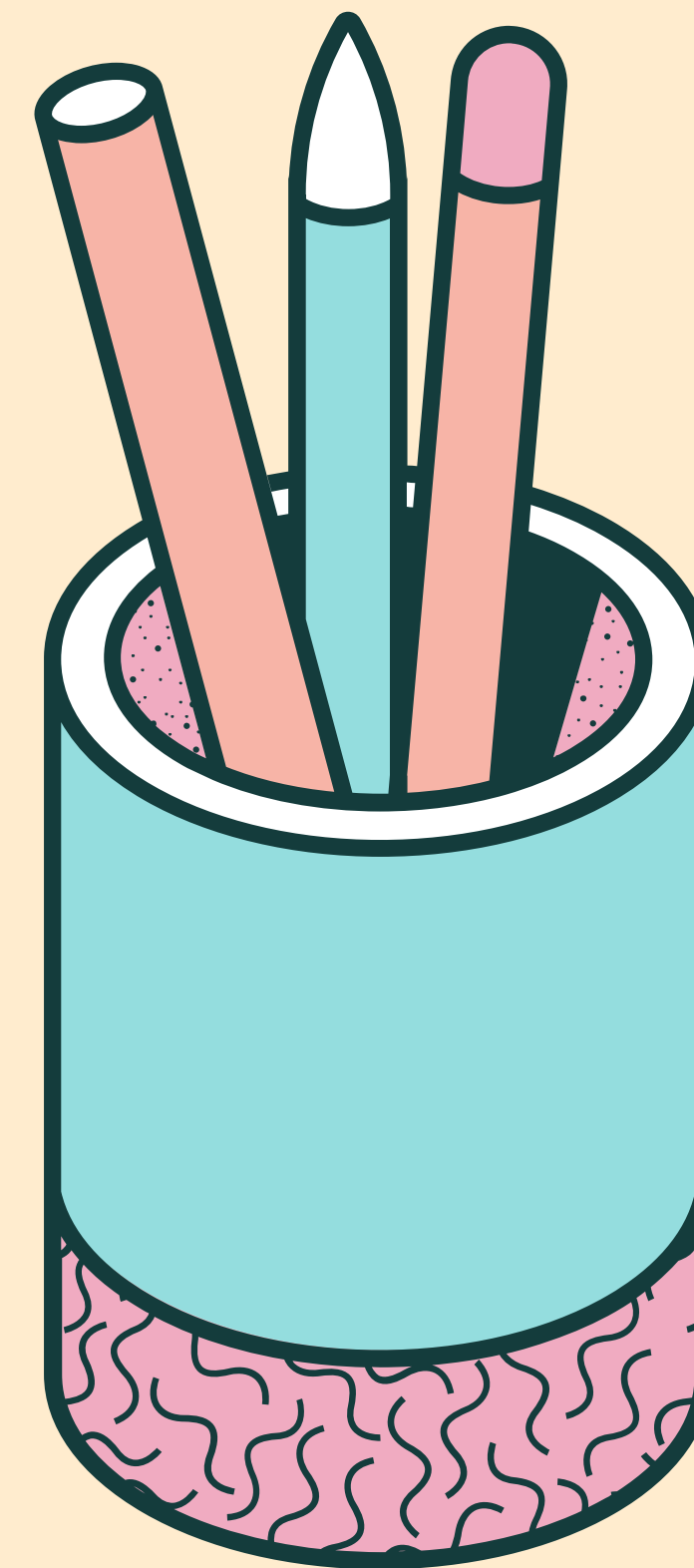
- If we **were** more realistic when planning projects, we **would have achieved** all of the project's goals on time.
- If you **weren't** such a good team player and hard worker, we **wouldn't have done** so well.

THE RULE

- We use if + past simple, would/could/might + have + past participle to talk about ~~PRESENT~~/PAST results of a ~~PRESENT~~/PAST situation or condition.

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

- 1.If we ____ (leave) earlier, we _____ (sit) on the plane now.
- 2.If you ____ (be) so lazy, you _____ (finish) your task by now.
- 3.We ____ (be) in a better financial position now if you _____ (not reject) that job.
- 4.If he ____ (not steal) money from the company, he _____ still
- 5.____ (work) for us.
- 6.If you ____ (not have) such a good memory, we _____ (not find) that place again.



Let's check the answers:

- 1.If we **had left** earlier, we **would be sitting** on the plane now.
- 2.If you **weren't** so lazy, you would **have finished** your task by now.
- 3.We **would be** in a better financial position now if you **hadn't rejected** that job.
- 4.If he **hadn't stolen** money from the company, he **would** still **work** for us.
- 5.If you **didn't have** such a good memory, we **wouldn't have found** that place again.

