

Le conditionnel passé

It is used mainly with the pluperfect to describe what would have happened if another action in the past had taken place.

Examples :

- Si tu m'avais invité, je serais venu. *If you had invited me, I would have come along.*
- Si j'avais eu un petit boulot cette année, je n'aurais pas travaillé aussi bien. *If I had had a part-time job this year, I wouldn't have worked as well.*

The past conditional is formed with the conditional of the auxiliary verb (either avoir or être) and the past participle of the main verb.

• **Note :**

The rule of the agreement of the past participles with Etre in the passé composé also applies to both the pluperfect and past conditional tenses :

- Elle était sortie ; elles étaient sorties ; ils étaient sortis.
- Elle serait allée ; elles seraient allées ; ils seraient allés

Exercice 2

Put the verb after **Si** in the pluperfect tense and the second verb in the past conditional :

1. S'il (faire) ses devoirs à temps, il (pouvoir) aller au cinéma.
2. S'ils (installer) une alarme, les voleurs (pas rentrer) dans leur maison.
3. Si j'..... (demander) des explications plus tôt, j'..... (comprendre) l'exercice.
4. Si vous (pluriel/féminin) (venir) à notre fête, nous (être) contents.

Exercice 3

Translate the following sentences into English, then try to finish the sentences if possible:

1. If I had known... I would have gone

2. If she had listened... she would have understood

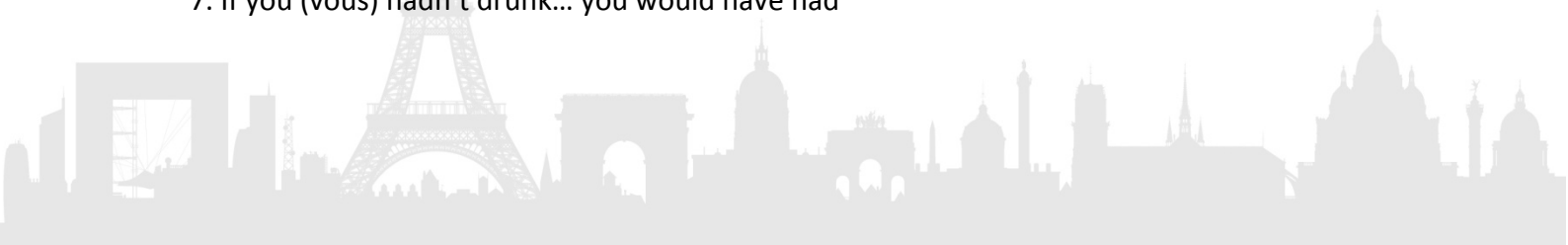
3. If we had cooked... we would have eaten

4. If they had stayed... they would have seen

5. If I had talked... she wouldn't have left

6. If you (tu) had rung... he would have talked

7. If you (vous) hadn't drunk... you would have had



8. If I had insisted... she wouldn't have refused

If they had done ... it would have been

10. If he had hurried (se dépêcher)... he wouldn't have missed (rater)

