

Mixed conditionals

We can mix the second and third conditionals:

if + 2nd conditional | 3rd conditional

This type of mixed conditional expresses a general condition with an imaginary result in the past:

if + 2nd conditional hypothetical general condition	3rd conditional imaginary result in the past
If I spoke better Italian,	I could have got the job.
(I don't speak Italian well enough, so I didn't get the job)	
If you were stronger ,	you wouldn't have needed any help to lift the weight.
(you are not strong; that's why you needed help to lift the weight)	
If he were so good,	he would have won the match.
(He is not so good; that's why he didn't win the match)	

if + 3rd conditional | 2nd conditional

This type of mixed conditional expresses a hypothetical condition in the past with an imaginary result in the present:

if + 3rd conditional sth that could have been different in the past (regret or gratitude)	2nd conditional Imagining the result in the present (positive or negative)
If you had followed my advice,	you wouldn't be in trouble now.
(You didn't follow my advice, and now you are in trouble)	
If I hadn't drunk so much last night,	I wouldn't have a hangover.
(I drank too much last night; that's why I have a hangover now)	
If I had not applied for the job ,	I would be unemployed now.
(I applied for the job; that's why I'm not unemployed now)	