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# “PERFECT MODALS (I)”

The **past conditional** is expressed by using the modal "would" before a past infinitive (= "have" + past participle). This construction serves to express **missed opportunities and past hypotheses**. Example:

*She told me that she would have liked to come and see us.*

In the case of **should have + past participle** there is a certain degree of **obligation in the past** on the part of the speaker. Example:

*I should have booked a room in advance (but you didn't do it).*



# “PERFECT MODALS (II)”

## **CAN/COULD/MAY/MIGHT + HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE**

The modal verbs *can, could, may and might*, can be used before the present perfect tense.

This indicates that **some past action did or did not happen, or it possibly did or did not happen.**

This is very commonly used to talk about the past. Depending on the verb chosen the possibility of the action been achieved is bigger or smaller.

*It may have rained a lot last night.*



## “Third Conditional”

If Clause (past perfect)	Main clause (Would have + P.P.)
If I had won the lottery	I would have bought a new house.

In these type of sentences, the time is ***past***, and the situation is ***contrary to reality***. The facts they are based on are the ***opposite*** of what it is expressed.

Type 3 conditional sentences, are truly ***hypothetical*** or ***unreal***, because it is now too late for the condition or its result to exist.

(You didn't win the lottery so ...)

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