

Mr. Hundhausen's **MAGIC** Conditional **and Regret** Chart

Timeframe

Hypothesis

Result

[0) *always*

When it rains,

I take an umbrella. ☺

*1) future

If it **rains** tomorrow,

I will take an umbrella.

When I am a big boy,

I will have a big fast car.

If I learn something bad about him,

I will not go on a 2-week holiday to India with him.

If he behaves well,

I will not do it.

If it is the weekend,

I will sleep.

If she comes tomorrow,

I will be there.

Supposing it rains,

what will you do?

I hope it rains.

2) present

If it **rained**,

I would take an umbrella.

If I was a big boy,

I would have a big fast car.

If I knew that,

I would not go there.

If he behaved well,

I would not do it.

If it was the weekend,

I would still be asleep.

If she came,

I would be there.

If it **should rain**,

I would....

Should it rain,

I would.....

Regrets about the present using **to be / to have / to know**:

I wish **I was** at home.

I wish I had an umbrella.

I wish I knew the thoughts of Zdenka the marketing lady.

But CAREFUL! For other verbs, you must use **could** (when it's not possible) or **would** (when you are irritated):

I wish I could meet JD. ☹

I wish I could fly.

I wish I could go to NZ RIGHT NOW and escape this horrible English lesson. ☹

I wish I could write my whole thesis today.

I wish I could go to lunch now.

I wish those teenage girls would leave JD alone for me.

I wish you **would give** me your sandwich.

I wish Adam would give me my book.

I wish my neighbour's dog would stop barking!

I wish our marketing lesson would be cancelled.

I wish Adrian **would stop** being such an asshole.

***3) past**

If it **had rained**,

If I had ever been a big boy,

If I had known that,

If he had behaved well,

If it had been the weekend,

If she had come to Brno,

I would **have taken** an umbrella.

I would have had a big fast car.

I would not have gone there.

I would not have done it.

I would have slept / I would have stayed in bed.

I would have been there to greet her.

Regrets about the past:

- I wish I had not woken up so late. (because I would have been in English on time.)**
- I wish I had not cooked the rice too long.**
- I wish I had not written my assignment in a hurry.**
- I wish I had sent an important message to Adelka.**
- I wish I had not forgotten my thermos in Ostrava. ☹**
- I wish I had not chosen the wrong way in the forest.**
- I wish I had bought the stupid chicken for dinner tonight.**
- I wish I had not overslept.**
- I wish I had written my bachelor's thesis.**

Asterisk

Mixed conditionals:

- I) hypothesis from 2 (present),
If I were intelligent,**
**result from 3 (past)
I wouldn't have caused so many problems last week.**

- II) hypothesis from 3 (past)
If I had passed the test last year,
I wish I had broken more hearts,**
**result from 2 (present)
I wouldn't have to study today.
because then I would be happier today. ☺**