

GRAMÁTICA

The Conditional Perfect Tense

You use the **conditional perfect** to say that you *would have done* something:

Yo **habría trabajado**.
I would have worked.

Le **habría ofrecido** el puesto.
I would have offered him (her) the job.

To form the **conditional perfect** tense use:

conditional of haber + **past participle** of the verb.

habría trabajado

habríamos trabajado

habrías trabajado

habríais trabajado

habría trabajado

habrían trabajado

The **conditional perfect** is most commonly used with a **si clause** to say what might have been if things had been different. In these sentences you use the **past perfect subjunctive** and the **conditional perfect** together.

Si **hubieras sabido** hablar español, **te habrían dado** el puesto.
If you had known how to speak Spanish, they would have given you the job.

Habríamos podido trabajar en finanzas si **hubiéramos estudiado** economía.

We would have been able to work in finance if we had studied economics.

Contrast the meaning of the three types of sentences with **si clauses** that you have learned:

present
tense

Si **solicitas** el empleo, lo **conseguirás**.

If you apply for the job you will get it.

future
tense

imperfect sub-
junctive

Si **solicitaras** el empleo, lo **conseguirías**.

If you were to apply for the job (which you aren't), you would get it.

conditional

past perfect subjunctive

Si **hubieras solicitado** el empleo, lo **habrías conseguido**.

If you had applied for the job you would have gotten it.

conditional
perfect