Real Madrid – A Legacy of Greatness

Worksheet: Vocabulary and Past Perfect Conditionals

Objective: Improve your understanding of vocabulary and practice using the past perfect conditional.

Part 1: Vocabulary

Read the following sentences from the story about Real Madrid and match the vocabulary words with their correct definitions.

Vocabulary Words:

1. Legacy
2. Relentless
3. Pursuit of excellence
4. Evolution
5. Trophies
6. Insatiable
7. Testament
8. Unyielding

Definitions:

A. **A collection of awards won, especially in sports or competitions.**

B. **A process of gradual development or change.**

C. **Unable to be satisfied; always wanting more.**

D. **A legacy or something left behind as a mark of one's achievements or influence.**

E. **Something that proves the existence of a particular quality or achievement.**

F. **A quality of being determined and not stopping despite challenges.**

G. **The act of striving to reach the highest standard possible.**

H. **Not giving up; strong and firm in purpose or belief.**

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks with Vocabulary Words

Fill in the blanks with the correct vocabulary word from the list above.

1. Real Madrid's _____ is seen in their record of 14 European Cup victories.
2. The team's _____ drive for success has helped them become one of the most recognized football clubs in the world.
3. The club's _____ to be the best has inspired many others in the football community.
4. The _____ of Real Madrid as a global football force began with the signing of players like Di Stéfano.
5. After years of hard work and determination, they finally won _____ for their efforts.
6. The club's _____ desire for success led them to recruit the world's best players.
7. His incredible talent was a _____ to his hard work and dedication to the game.
8. Even in the toughest times, the club remained _____ in their pursuit of greatness.

Part 3: Past Perfect Conditional Practice

Review the following sentences and use the **past perfect conditional** form to complete the sentences correctly.

Formula for Past Perfect Conditional:

If + past perfect, + would have + past participle.

Example:
If Real Madrid had signed Di Stéfano earlier, they would have won more trophies in the 1950s.

1. **If Real Madrid had kept their best players during the 1970s, they _____ (be) more competitive against rival clubs.**
2. **If they _____ (not face) financial difficulties, the club would have grown faster in the early years.**
3. **If the team _____ (have) more experienced players in the 1980s, they might have won more titles.**
4. **If Zidane _____ (not be) so talented, Real Madrid's 2002 Champions League victory would not have been as iconic.**
5. **If Real Madrid _____ (not make) the decision to sign Ronaldo in 2009, their modern dominance might have been different.**
6. **If they _____ (win) more national titles during the 1960s, the club's legacy might have been even stronger.**

Part 4: Discussion/Reflection

Answer the following questions using the vocabulary words and past perfect conditional structures.

1. What would Real Madrid's history have been like if they had not signed Alfredo Di Stéfano in the 1950s? Use the past perfect conditional to answer.
2. How has the pursuit of excellence shaped the identity of the club? Can you think of any examples where this drive might have failed if things had gone differently?
3. How do you think Real Madrid's legacy will continue in the future? What changes would have occurred if they hadn't made key signings over the years?

Answer Key:

Part 1: Vocabulary Matching

1. **Legacy** - D
2. **Relentless** - F
3. **Pursuit of excellence** - G
4. **Evolution** - B
5. **Trophies** - A
6. **Insatiable** - C
7. **Testament** - E
8. **Unyielding** - H

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks

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Part 3: Past Perfect Conditional Practice

1. would have been
2. had not faced
3. had had

4. had not been
5. had not signed
6. had won