

EXERCISE 5 MIXED AND PAST UNREAL CONDITIONALS

GRAMMAR NOTES 4-5 Complete the story with mixed or past unreal conditional sentences. Use the correct forms of the words in parentheses. Use contractions where possible.

A year ago, I took a train from Montreal to Toronto. If I _____ *hadn't missed*
1. (not / miss)
the bus to the train station, I _____ 2. (not / take) the particular train I took, and
I _____ 3. (never / meet) Professor Lozano. My life
_____ 4. (be) very different today. Professor Lozano was rather elderly,
and he was having trouble putting his suitcase on the luggage rack. If I
_____ 5. (not / offer) to help him, we _____ 6. (never / start)
talking. Professor Lozano told me that he had invented a robotic arm that is now used in the space
program. I told the professor I was a science major, and it turned out that the professor taught at
the same university I was attending. He told me there was an unfilled lab position in his department
and that I could apply for it. If I _____ 7. (not / mention) that I was a science major,
the professor _____ 8. (never / tell) me about the unfilled lab position, and I
_____ 9. (never / apply) for it. I _____ 10. (not / be studying) for my
doctorate in nuclear physics right now. Let's see ... I guess it all happened because I missed that bus.
I'll always be glad that I did.