



## How can tech problems stop you from getting a job (Practice with 3<sup>rd</sup> Conditional)

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*Yesterday I came across an article on the internet about the most annoying problems people have with their computers or gadgets. The article mentions a survey which revealed that one in eight British people have broken their computers or gadget in a fit of rage. I totally understand this attitude!*

*This reminded me of a terrible situation I found myself in three months ago.*

*I had been out of work for quite some time when I learned about a job vacancy on Linked in and got very interested. However, because of the pandemic, all the job application process had to be done remotely.*

*In the beginning of the pandemic, my computer crashed and I had been trying unsuccessfully to fix it. My ex-boyfriend, who is an expert in the area, offered to come over and have a look at it, but I turned down his proposal as I did not want to see him again.*

*To make matters worse, I had forgotten to pay for my internet provider and had no connection for a week. So, I couldn't access my e-mails (even on my cell phone!). Luckily, a neighbour let me use her phone and I managed to send the company my resumé.*

*A week later I had my internet connection restored and was able to arrange an interview for the following day at 7.30 am. As I didn't want to be late for the interview, I went to bed early and set my cell phone to wake me up at 6am. However, I forgot to check whether the charger was on, which **wasn't** (I found out only the next day).*

*To make the long story short, I overslept and missed the interview and haven't been able to find any other job since then.*

*Sometimes I wish I'd been born a hundred years ago when things were much simpler!*

*Paula*

**Make sentences in the third conditional about everything that went wrong in Paula's attempt to get a job.**

*Example: If she had accepted her ex-boyfriend's help, she could have had her computer fixed.*

1. If she had paid the internet bills, she \_\_\_\_\_ . (access her e-mails)
2. If her neighbour hadn't lent her phone, she \_\_\_\_\_ . (send her resumé)
3. She wouldn't have arranged an interview if her connection \_\_\_\_\_ . (be restored)
4. She wouldn't have overslept if she \_\_\_\_\_ . (check the charger)
5. If it hadn't been for the pandemic, she \_\_\_\_\_ . (apply for the job remotely)