


USE OF LANGUAGE: CAN YOU TALK ABOUT IMAGINARY PAST SITUATIONS?

THIRD CONDITIONAL

We normally use third conditional sentences to talk about how things could have been different in the past, i.e. for hypothetical / imaginary situations. Compare:

- *Yesterday I got up late and missed the train. (= the real situation)*
- *If I hadn't got up late, I wouldn't have missed my train. (= the hypothetical or imaginary situation)*

MATCH THE HALVES.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Billy wouldn't have injured his head</i> 2. If I'd driven any faster, 3. Jon might have got the job 4. She would have hurt herself badly 5. What would you have studied 6. If Katy hadn't gone to the party, 7. How would you have got to the airport 8. If you'd worn a warmer coat, 9. Your parents would have enjoyed the trip 10. Would you have helped me | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. if you'd gone to university. B. you wouldn't have been cold. C. if I'd asked you? D. <i>if he had worn his helmet.</i> E. she wouldn't have met her boyfriend. F. if he'd been on time for his interview. G. if they had come with us. H. if she'd fallen down the stairs. I. I could have got a speeding fine. J. if the trains had been on strike? |
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COMPLETE THE THIRD CONDITIONAL SENTENCES WITH THE CORRECT FORM OF THE VERBS. THERE IS ONE GAP FOR EACH WORD. CONTRACTIONS (E.G. WOULDN'T) COUNT AS ONE WORD.

*If Tom hadn't gone (**go**) to university, he wouldn't have met (**meet**) Sarah*

1. If you _____ (take) me to the airport, I _____ (miss) my flight.
2. We _____ (not win) the match if the referee _____ (give) us a penalty.
3. You _____ (enjoy) the weekend if you _____ (come) with us.
4. If I _____ (buy) the tickets online, they _____ (be) more expensive.
5. Mike _____ (forget) his wife's birthday if she _____ (not remind) him.
6. If the police _____ (arrive) 5 minutes later, they _____ (not catch) the thief.
7. If you _____ (not lend) me the money, I _____ (not be able) to go away for the weekend.
8. You _____ (hurt) yourself if you _____ (fall) off the horse.