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.

1. *Billy wouldn't have injured his head*	A. if you'd gone to university.
2. If I'd driven any faster,	B. you wouldn't have been cold.
3. Jon might have got the job	C. if I'd asked you?
4. She would have hurt herself badly	D. *if he had worn his helmet.*
5. What would you have studied	E. she wouldn't have met her boyfriend.
6. If Katy hadn't gone to the party,	F. if he'd been on time for his interview.
7. How would you have got to the airport	G. if they had come with us.
8. If you'd worn a warmer coat,	H. if she'd fallen down the stairs.
9. Your parents would have enjoyed the trip	I. I could have got a speeding fine.
10. Would you have helped me	J. if the trains had been on strike?

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.