

GRAMMAR PRACTICE & EXTENSION
MODAL: WOULD

Exercises

Unit 36

36.1 Write sentences about yourself. Imagine things you would like or wouldn't like.

- 1 (a place you'd love to live) I'd love to live by the sea.
- 2 (a job you wouldn't like to do) _____
- 3 (something you would love to do) _____
- 4 (something that would be nice to have) _____
- 5 (a place you'd like to go to) _____

36.2 Complete the sentences using **would** + the following verbs (in the correct form):

be be do do enjoy enjoy have pass stop

- 1 They helped us a lot. I don't know what we would have done without their help.
- 2 You should go and see the film. You _____ it.
- 3 It's a pity you couldn't come to the concert yesterday. You _____ it.
- 4 Shall I apply for the job or not? What _____ you _____ in my position?
- 5 I was in a hurry when I saw you. Otherwise I _____ to talk.
- 6 We took a taxi home last night but got stuck in the traffic. It _____ quicker to walk.
- 7 Why don't you go and see Clare? She _____ very pleased to see you.
- 8 Why didn't you do the exam? I'm sure you _____ it.
- 9 In an ideal world, everybody _____ enough to eat.

36.3 Each sentence on the right follows a sentence on the left. Which follows which?

- 1 I'd like to go to Australia one day.
- 2 I wouldn't like to live on a busy road.
- 3 I'm sorry the trip was cancelled.
- 4 I'm looking forward to going out tonight.
- 5 I'm glad we didn't go out in the rain.
- 6 I'm not looking forward to the trip.

- a It wouldn't have been very nice.
- b It would have been fun.
- c It would be nice.
- d It won't be much fun.
- e It wouldn't be very nice.
- f It will be fun.

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36.4 Write sentences using **promised** + **would/wouldn't**.

- 1 I wonder why Laura is late. She promised she wouldn't be late.
- 2 I wonder why Steve hasn't phoned. He promised _____
- 3 Why did you tell Jane what I said? You _____
- 4 I'm surprised they didn't wait for us. They _____

36.5 Complete the sentences. Use **wouldn't** + a suitable verb.

- 1 I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen to me.
- 2 I asked Amanda what had happened, but she _____ me.
- 3 Paul was very angry about what I'd said and _____ to me for two weeks.
- 4 Martina insisted on carrying all her luggage. She _____ me help her.

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36.6 These sentences are about things that often happened in the past. Complete the sentences using **would** + the following: forget help shake share walk

- 1 Whenever Richard was angry, he would walk out of the room.
- 2 We used to live next to a railway line. Every time a train went past, the house _____.
- 3 George was a very kind man. He always you if you had a problem.
- 4 Brenda was always very generous. She didn't have much, but she what she had with everyone else.
- 5 You could never rely on Joe. It didn't matter how many times you reminded him to do something, he always