

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 the particular train I took, and
2. (not / take) I Professor Lozano. My life
3. (never / meet) very different today. Professor Lozano was rather elderly,
4. (be) and he was having trouble putting his suitcase on the luggage rack. If I
to help him, we
5. (not / offer) 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
for it. I
9. (never / apply) 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.