

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 _____
2. (not / take) the particular train I took, and
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 _____ that I was a science major,
7. (not / mention)
the professor _____ me about the unfilled lab position, and I
8. (never / tell)
_____ for it. I _____ for my
9. (never / apply) 10. (not / be studying)
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.