Grammar Practice

Third Conditional

Read the theory and solve.

67a Complete the articles. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

Five Indonesian fishermen found themselves in deep trouble when a storm blew up suddenly off the coast of Australia and wrecked their boat. They were almost out of food when they were spotted by a rescue plane. In a way, they were unlucky: if they (0) ***hadn't gone*** (not go) out fishing, their boat (1) ..... (not be) destroyed. But in another way, they were extremely fortunate: if the plane (2) ..... (not see) them, they (3) ..... (probably / die).

An English couple had a narrow escape when a large tree fell on their home. They were parking their car at the time of the accident. If the couple (4) ..... (arrive) home a few minutes earlier, they (5) ..... (be) in the house when the tree came crashing down and they (6) ..... (might / be) killed.

An Australian diver who found himself in the mouth of a great white shark survived to tell the tale. The diver managed to stab the shark in the mouth with his knife and the great fish released him. If the diver (7) ..... (not have) a knife with him, the shark (8) ..... (not open) its mouth and the diver (9) ..... (might not / survive).



A woman in Australia was bitten on the foot by a dangerous snake which miraculously left no poison in the bite. If the snake (10) ..... (inject) poison into her foot, the woman (11) ..... (could / die).



LIVEWORKSHEETS

67b Re-write the sentences.

0 The weather was terrible so we didn't go out yesterday.
If *the weather hadn't been terrible, we would have gone out yesterday* .

1 You didn't phone us so we didn't get there in time.
We ..... .

2 I wasn't able to help you because you didn't explain the problem to me.
I might ..... .

3 They weren't listening carefully so they didn't understand what she was saying.
They might ..... .

4 He couldn't phone her so he couldn't tell her what was happening.
If ..... .

5 You didn't see him because you didn't come round earlier.
If ..... .

6 You took me to your friend's party and I met Kazuko.
If ..... .

7 When she married him, she didn't know how selfish he was.
She might not ..... .

8 The management wouldn't agree to a pay rise so there was a strike.
Had ..... .



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