5.4 Grammar

Third Conditional

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Unreal situations in the past
if + Past Perfect, *would* + *have* + past participle
If the lander's solar panels had been in sunlight, it would have been OK. (They weren't in sunlight.)

1 ● Complete the sentences with the words below. There is one extra word.

had hadn't have if left would wouldn't

1 If I hadn't studied Engineering, I wouldn't *have* become interested in space travel.
2 We wouldn't have reached the moon late if we'd _____ Earth on time.
3 _____ the captain hadn't been ill, he wouldn't have left the mission.
4 Would you have been disappointed if you _____ passed the physical exam?
5 I _____ have become an astronaut if I hadn't learned to fly a plane.
6 If they had landed two seconds earlier, they _____ have crashed.

2 ●● Choose the correct option.

What would have happened?
Have you ever had any moments when something bad happened, but something good came out of it? Tell us about it below.

Amy_D: Last year, I had to leave my school because we moved to another city. It was terrible to leave all my friends, but if I'd stayed there, I [1] *would I wouldn't* have met my friend Kate. She's been my best friend for three months now and she's great!

BeeZ23: Yesterday, I woke up late and missed the bus for school, so I had to take my bicycle. But I would have been even later if I [2] *took I 'd taken* the bus because there was a terrible traffic jam!

SimmSon: For our Science project last month, my teacher made me work with someone I didn't like. If she hadn't made us work together though, we wouldn't [3] *have become I become* friends.

Jenn.if.er: Last week, I was at a party when my dad arrived to pick me up – so embarrassing! But when we got home, I realised that the last bus had left before he arrived, so I would have been stuck if he [4] *hadn't come I didn't come*!

3 ●● Match the sentence halves. Then complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

1 [d] I would have come and found you
2 [ ] If Ollie had saved more money,
3 [ ] They wouldn't have bought the telescope
4 [ ] If I'd been with you,
5 [ ] If we'd known it was going to be so cold,

a I _____ (not let) you buy that expensive jacket.
b we _____ (wear) warmer clothes.
c he _____ (be able) to buy those trainers.
d if I'd *known* (know) you were at the party.
e if it _____ (not be) so cheap.

4 ●●● Choose the correct answer.

An amazing rescue

On 11 April 1970, Apollo 13 flew into space from Florida, USA. If the mission [1] ____ successful, Apollo 13 would have been the third manned spacecraft to land on the moon. However, after two days, there was an explosion. If an oxygen tank [2] ____ exploded, the spacecraft would [3] ____ landed on the moon. But instead, the mission stopped and the spacecraft orbited the moon. The flight director, Gene Kranz, wanted to use the moon's gravity to push the spacecraft back to Earth. If he hadn't [4] ____ this decision, the astronauts [5] ____ survived. One of the biggest problems of the return journey was removing carbon dioxide from the spacecraft. If engineers on Earth [6] ____ invented a system to do this quickly, the astronauts wouldn't have [7] ____ able to breathe. Finally, on 17 April, the astronauts returned safely to Earth.

1	a was	b were	(c) had been
2	a hadn't	b wouldn't	c hasn't
3	a had	b haven't	c have
4	a make	b made	c making
5	a wouldn't have	b would have	c hadn't had
6	a hadn't	b had	c wouldn't
7	a had	b been	c be

I can use the Third Conditional to talk about unreal situations in the past.

On the Portal
Extra Practice Worksheet 5.4

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