Accidental Discoveries

A. VOCABULARY: talking about discoveries

Match 1–9 in column A with a–i in column B.

A		B	
1	In their research, scientists noticed a	f	a phenomenon of frog behavior before bad weather.
2	They have been investigating the		b solution yet.
3	They have been trying to gain		c important knowledge about predicting weather.
4	Scientists have faced		d breakthrough in understanding animal behavior.
5	Studying frogs has provided		e insights into how birds behave before storms.
6	Researchers believe they have made a		f connection between weather and animal behavior.
7	Scientists have carried out		g many challenges in doing this kind of research.
8	Nobody has been able to provide a		h an important discovery in the future.
9	They are hoping to make		i research into unusual animal behavior.

B. GRAMMAR: Third conditional



Read the situations. Then choose the sentence that explains the situation.

1 We went out to eat because there was no food in the fridge.
   - **a** We wouldn't have gone out to eat if there had been food in the fridge.
   - **b** There would have been food in the fridge if we had gone out to eat.

2 Sylvia didn't go to the party because she had to work late.
   - **a** If Sylvia had gone to the party, she wouldn't have had to work late.
   - **b** If Sylvia hadn't had to work late, she would have gone to the party.

3 The forest fire started because someone at a campsite was careless.
   - **a** If the forest fire hadn't started, someone at a campsite wouldn't have been careless.
   - **b** If someone at a campsite hadn't been careless, the forest fire wouldn't have started.

4 George lost the race because he started one second late.
   - **a** George wouldn't have lost the race if he hadn't started one second late.
   - **b** George wouldn't have started one second late if he hadn't lost the race.

Fill in the gaps with the verbs in brackets in the correct form to make third conditional sentences with would.

1. If we _____ (have) the money, we _____ (go).
2. I _____ (tidy up) the house if I _____ (know) that you were coming.
3. We _____ (bring) some snacks if you _____ (tell) us about the picnic.
4. Obviously, if my parents _____ (not meet), I _____ (not be born).
5. If he _____ (invest) in that business, he _____ (lose) everything.
6. If the police _____ (not be) nearby, there _____ (be) many more victims.

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