Third conditional

Look at *Grammar database 17* page 189 before you do the exercises.

1 Read the joke and choose the correct answers to complete the sentences.

Yesterday, Bill went up in an aeroplane for the first time. Unfortunately, he fell out. Fortunately, he had a parachute. Unfortunately, it didn't open. Fortunately, there was a haystack below. Unfortunately, there was a pitchfork in the haystack. Fortunately, Bill missed the pitchfork. Unfortunately, he also missed the haystack.

1 If Bill **had / hadn't** opened the door, he **would / wouldn't** have fallen out of the plane.
2 If he **had / hadn't** fallen out of the plane, he **would / wouldn't** have been fine.
3 If he **didn't have / hadn't had** a parachute, he would **face / have faced** certain death.



2 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

1 If his parachute _____ (**open**), he would have landed quite safely.
2 If there hadn't been a haystack below, he _____ (**be**) very worried.
3 If someone _____ (**not put**) the pitchfork in the haystack, it _____ (**be**) a great place to land.
4 If he _____ (**not miss**) the pitchfork, he _____ (**hurt**) himself really badly.
5 If he _____ (**land**) on the haystack, he _____ (**not break**) his leg.

3 Write sentences about these situations using the third conditional.

1 You didn't laugh at your friend's joke because he forgot the punch line.
If my friend _____ the punch line, I _____.
2 You didn't know your favourite sitcom was on so you didn't watch it.
If I _____ my favourite sitcom was on, I _____ it.
3 We knew the film was funny because we had seen it.
If we _____ the film, we _____ it was funny.
4 You got into trouble at school because you laughed in class.
If I _____ in class, I _____ into trouble at school.

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