

Third conditional

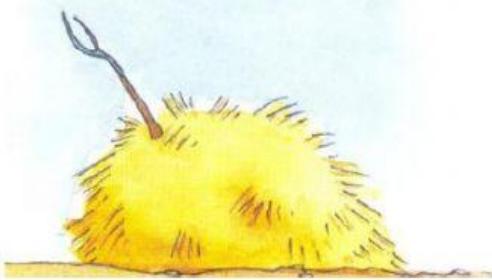
Look at Grammar database 17 page 189 before you do the exercises.

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.