

## The Benjamin Button Case. The car accident scene.

### 1 WATCH THE VIDEO AND PUT THE VERBS IN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE

Sometimes we're on a collision course, and we just don't know it. Whether it's by accident or by design, there's not a thing we can do about it:

- \* A woman in Paris \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on her way to go shopping, but \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) her coat - went back to get it. When she \_\_\_\_\_ (get) her coat, the phone \_\_\_\_\_ (ring), so she'd stopped to answer it; talked for a couple of minutes.
- \* While the woman \_\_\_\_\_ (be) on the phone, Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse) for a performance at the Paris Opera House. And while she \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse), the woman, off the phone now, \_\_\_\_\_ (go) outside to get a taxi.
- \* Now a taxi driver \_\_\_\_\_ (drop off) a fare earlier and \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) to get a cup of coffee. And all the while, Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (rehearse). And this cab driver, who dropped off the earlier fare; who \_\_\_\_\_ (stop) to get the cup of coffee, \_\_\_\_\_ (pick up) the lady who was going to shopping, and \_\_\_\_\_ (miss) getting an earlier cab.
- \* The taxi \_\_\_\_\_ (have) to stop for a man crossing the street, who \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for work five minutes later than he normally \_\_\_\_\_ (do), because he \_\_\_\_\_ (forget) to set off his alarm. While that man, late for work, \_\_\_\_\_ (cross) the street, Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (finish) rehearsing, and \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a shower. And while Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (shower), the taxi \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) outside a boutique for the woman to pick up a package, which hadn't been wrapped yet, because the girl who was supposed to wrap it \_\_\_\_\_ (break up) with her boyfriend the night before, and \_\_\_\_\_ (forget).
- \* When the package was wrapped, the woman, who \_\_\_\_\_ (be) back in the cab, was blocked by a delivery truck, all the while Daisy \_\_\_\_\_ (get dressed). The delivery truck \_\_\_\_\_ (pull away) and the taxi was able to move, while Daisy, the last to be dressed, \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for one of her friends, who \_\_\_\_\_ (break) a shoelace.
- \* While the taxi was stopped, waiting for a traffic light, Daisy and her friend \_\_\_\_\_ (come) out the back of the theater. And if only one thing had happened differently.....

**2 Use the prompts to make sentences using third conditional saying what it would have saved Daisy from the car accident**

1. shoelace break - 2. delivery truck move moments earlier -3. package wrap and ready -4. the girl break up with her boyfriend – 5. man set his alarm and get up five minutes earlier – 6. taxi driver stop for a cup of coffee – 7. woman remembered her coat and get into an earlier cab -8. Daisy and her friend cross

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But life being what it is - a series of intersecting lives and incidents, out of anyone's control - that taxi did not go by, and that driver was momentarily distracted, and that taxi hit Daisy, and her leg was crushed."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ldoHL6A-Z-E>