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A Hard Day's Work



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Grammar 2

Conditionals: mixed conditionals

1 Read about mixed conditionals.

A mixed conditional is where the clauses in a conditional sentence refer to different times. We can use a mixed conditional to express the present result of a hypothetical past event or situation.

If I hadn't missed the bus, I would be at work now. (= I missed the bus, so I'm not at work yet.)

2 Read this sentence. Which tenses does it use? Did Nick shout at his boss? Is he a manager now?

If Nick hadn't shouted at his boss, he would be a manager now.

Read 8.5 of the Grammar Reference before you do the tasks.

3 Choose the correct answers to complete the mixed conditional sentences.

- 1 If Maria hadn't lost her job,
a she wouldn't have felt so bad right now.
b she wouldn't feel so bad right now.
- 2 If Nia hadn't gossiped about her colleagues,
a they would still like her.
b they would have still liked her.
- 3 If I had taken the job at the travel agent's,
a I would be in Greece right now.
b I would have been in Greece right now.
- 4 Todd would be wealthy
a if he hadn't given away all his money.
b if he hasn't given away all his money.
- 5 If we had had an interest in technology,
a we will have careers as technicians.
b we would have careers as technicians.



4 Complete the mixed conditional sentences.

- 1 The candidate wore **dirty jeans** to **his interview**, so **he** doesn't work here now.
If the candidate _____ **dirty jeans** to **his interview**, **he** _____ here now.
- 2 Her boss gave **her** a **company car**, so **she** doesn't take the **bus** every day.
If her boss _____ **her** a **company car**, **she** _____ the **bus** every day.
- 3 We didn't go to the **meeting**, so we don't know about the new **pension plan**.
If we _____ to the **meeting**, we _____ about the new **pension plan**.
- 4 We saved enough **money**, so we are **able** to set up our **own business**.
If we _____ enough **money**, we _____ our **own business**.
- 5 My boss didn't take **me** to Europe with **her**, so I'm here in the office today.
If my boss _____ **me** to Europe with **her**, I _____ here in the office today.
- 6 They didn't buy the **business**, so they aren't **wealthy** now.
If they _____ the **business**, they _____ **wealthy** now.
- 7 I was late for work again, so Mr Banes is angry with me.
If I _____ late for work again, Mr Banes _____ angry with me.
- 8 She accepted the **job offer**, so **she** works here now.
If she _____ the **job offer**, **she** _____ here now.