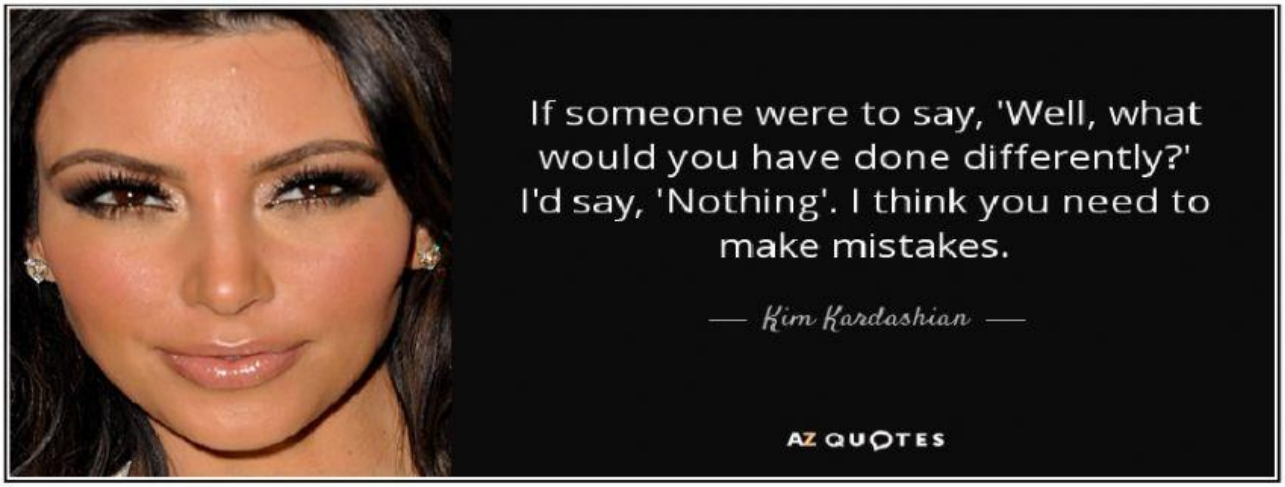
3e SEQUENCE: IF … Conditional type III What would YOU have done ?

1) Read this quote (= citation) from a great American philosopher (pronunciation HERE)



2) Let's try to understand:

- If someone were to say =

a) if someone must say b) if someone happened to say c) if someone was allowed to say

- What would you have done differently ?

a) Kim is talking about possible actions in her future life b) she is talking about actions which didn't take place in her past life. c) She is talking about stupid things as usual.

- I'd say = a) I would b) I had c) I did

- Nothing = a) She wouldn't say a word b) she wouldn't change a thing in her (past) life.

- I think = a) You what ???? b) ha ha ha c) No you don't !!!

- You need to make mistakes = a) She never makes mistakes. b) Mistakes are necessary in order to progress. c) Mistake is her second name.

3) Let's recap, shall we?

If someone were to say ,"What would you have done differently?" i'd say,"Nothing". I think you need to make mistakes =

a) If someone asked me a question, I would answer nothing;

b) I made terrible mistakes in my past life which I'd like to change.

c) I wouldn't do anything differently in my past life even if I could.

4) Grammar time : The third (3rd) conditional

WHAT **WOULD** YOU **HAVE** CHANG**ED** IF IT **HAD BEEN** POSSIBLE?

A) Structure: In the main sentence : ..... + ... + Past participle Verb

In the subordinate: What tense ? a) perfect b) present perfect c) pluperfect ?

a) had + Past participle Verb b) had + preterit verb

B) Meaning = a) Que changerez vous si c'est possible? b) Que changeriez vous si c'était possible ? c) Qu'auriez vous changé si cela avait été possible ?

C) Translate sentences a) and b) in English :

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