6.5 Third Conditional

Task 1 Complete the dialogue using the third conditional.

A: We are so lucky! Now that we've found your backpack with money and documents in it we can start enjoying our holidays in the Alps.

B: Absolutely! Can you imagine what _____ (happen) if we _____ (reach) the top of the mountain after 5 p.m.?

A: Don't tell me! We _____ (not meet) the chalet owner there! When we got there, he was about to drive down to the local police with it!

B: I know. And if you _____ (not learn) German at school, we _____ (be) able to explain to him what had happened, he _____ (drive) away with it.

A: True. I still can't believe nobody took the backpack. You had left it on the bench in front of the chalet. We had all our money, credit cards and passports in it!

B: I am sorry, but if you _____ (not beg) me to take a photo of you and the mountains, I _____ (not put) it on that bench. I had to open it and get my mobile out.

A: I _____ (hold) it for you if you _____ (ask) me!

B: Let's stop blaming each other. If we _____ (not find) the backpack, our holidays _____ (finish) that day.

Task 2. Write a third conditional sentence for each situation.

1 The hotel was destroyed by an avalanche. A lot of people were injured.

If the hotel _____ by an avalanche, nobody _____ injured.

2 The plane couldn't take off due to bad weather.

If _____ good, the plane _____ off.

3 The man didn't drown because the lifeguard swam very fast.

The man _____ if the lifeguard _____ very fast.

4 The family left the forest after the warnings so they didn't get hurt in the forest fire.

The family _____ in the forest fire, if they _____ the forest on time.

5 You caught me when I fell on the slope so I didn't break my leg.

If you _____ when I fell on the slope, I might _____ my leg.

6 The city was flooded after the heavy rainfall.

The city _____ if the rain _____ so heavy.

Task 3. For each situation, write a sentence in the Third Conditional.

0 We got wet because we had left the umbrellas at the hotel.
If we hadn't left the umbrellas at the hotel, we wouldn't have got wet.

1 Sally missed her flight so she had to buy a new, much more expensive ticket.

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2 Brian lost his smartphone and had to buy a new phone.

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3 They didn't recognise the TV presenter because they hadn't seen her programme before.

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4 I didn't know anything about the earthquake because I didn't read the newspaper.

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