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# I wouldn't have done that.

## 1 I think I'd ...

A What would you do in these situations? Check (✓) the most appropriate answers.

1. Your classmate leaves her new smartphone in the classroom.  
 Use it to start your own tech review channel.  
 Run after her and give it back to her immediately  
 Take it home overnight to try it out
  
2. Someone climbs through your neighbor's window.  
 Call the police  
 Cheer them on like it's an Olympic sport.  
 Ring the doorbell
  
3. Your boss makes things difficult for you at work.  
 Talk to your boss  
 Look for another job  
 Challenge them to a dance battle for dominance.
  
4. A friend sounds unhappy on the phone.  
 Ask your friend if he or she has a problem  
 Mail them a potato with a smiley face drawn on it.  
 Tell jokes to make your friend laugh



B Write about what you would do in the situations in part A. Use the phrases in the box. Unscramble the sentences.

I'd ...                    I might ...                    I guess I'd ...  
I'd probably ...            I think I'd ...

1. If my classmate left her new smartphone in the classroom,  
I think I'd run after her and give it back to her immediately.
  
2. If someone climbed through my neighbor's window, police / call / I'd probably / right away / the.  
If someone climbed through my neighbor's window,
  
3. If my boss made things difficult for me at work, calm / I guess I'd / try / to stay / and talk to him .  
If my boss made things difficult for me at work,
  
4. If a friend sounded unhappy on the phone, I might / carefully / listen / and try / to cheer them up .  
If a friend sounded unhappy on the phone,

## 2 Drag and drop the consequences where they fit best.

1. If a relative asked to borrow some money, I'd
2. If I had three wishes,
3. If I could have any job I wanted,
4. If I had a year of vacation time,
5. If I could change one thing about myself,

I'd travel around the world and learn about different cultures.

I'd lend it to them if I could afford it.

I'd be more patient and relaxed.

I'd wish for health, happiness, and success.

I'd be a psychiatrist helping children and teenagers.

## 3 Choose the correct word.



1. I'd go straight to the police if I saw someone breaking into a house.  
(seriously / simply / straight)
2. My friend confessed to cheating on the biology exam, but his teacher still failed him.  
(returned / confessed / said)
3. I'm in a difficult predicament at work. I don't know whether to talk to my boss about it or just quit.  
(divorce / predicament / problem)
4. If I saw someone shoplifting in a store, I'd tell the store manager immediately.  
(cheating / shoplifting / shopping)
5. My uncle died and left me \$20,000. I'm going to invest most of it.  
(invest / return / sell)
6. When I went back to the parking lot, I tried to get into someone else's car by mistake.  
(by / in / with)
7. There is so much great music to download from the Internet. I don't know what to choose.  
(choose / confess / fix)
8. My aunt won't let me use her car because she thinks I'm a terrible driver.  
She has a flat tire. I had two accidents last year!  
(flat tire / point / reward)

## 4 What to do?

A Read the article. Match what happened to a possible action.

### What happened

1. You bought a camera on sale at a store, but it didn't work right. The salesclerk said, "We can't do anything about it."
2. You checked your bank statement and noticed that there was a deposit of \$1,000. You didn't make the deposit. You're sure it was a bank error.
3. You sat on a park bench that had wet paint on it. You ruined your clothes. There was no "Wet Paint" sign.
4. You were not happy with the grade you got in an important class.
5. Your next-door neighbors borrowed your vacuum cleaner. When they returned it, it was damaged.
6. A friend gave you an expensive vase for your birthday, but you didn't really like it.



### Possible actions

- I guess I'd take it back to the store and exchange it for something else.
- I guess I'd write a letter of complaint to the manufacturer.
- Maybe I'd ask them to repair it.
- I think I'd make an appointment to see the instructor to talk about it.
- I'd probably wait until the next month to see if the mistake is corrected.
- I'd write a letter to the city council and ask them to pay for the damage.

B Match each situation (1–6) with the correct possible action. Write the number of the situation next to the matching action.

I'd notify the bank immediately so they can correct the error.

I'd thank my friend and donate the vase to a charity shop.

I'd try to return it and ask for a refund, or contact customer service online.

I'd talk to my neighbors and ask them to replace it.

I'd review the grading rubric and prepare questions before speaking with the instructor.

I'd take photos of the bench and contact the local park department to report it.

## 5 What would you have done in these situations?

Drag and drop the sentences at the bottom to the situation they correspond to.

1. Lisa had dinner in a restaurant and then realized she didn't have any money. She offered to wash the dishes.

I wouldn't have washed the dishes. I would have called a friend to bring me some money.

2. Alex was on a bus when the woman next to him started talking loudly on a cell phone. He asked her to speak more quietly.

3. Ryan invited two friends to dinner on Friday, but they came on Thursday by mistake. He told them to come back the next day.

4. Luke's neighbors had their TV on very loud late at night. Luke called and complained to the police.

5. Sharon had a houseguest who was supposed to stay for three days, but the woman was still there three weeks later. Sharon finally gave her a bill for her room and board.

6. Margo accidentally broke a glass at a friend's house. She decided not to say anything about it.



I would have told my friend and offered to replace it.

I would have knocked on their door first and asked them to lower the volume.

I would have invited them in and had dinner with them anyway.

I wouldn't have washed the dishes. I would have called a friend to bring me some money.

I would have ignored her, or would have moved to another seat.

I would have spoken to her much earlier and asked her to leave.

## 6 Complete the sentences with should have or shouldn't have and the verb in brackets.

Last week:

1. Last week, I \_\_\_\_\_ my project earlier. (finish)  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ so late on weeknights. (stay up)

Last month:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend to wish them a happy birthday. (call)  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ so much money on takeout. (spend)

Last year:

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ more during the summer. (travel)  
2. I \_\_\_\_\_ my health and \_\_\_\_\_ check-ups. (ignore / skip)

## 7 Advice column

A Complete each letter with the correct forms of the verbs in each box.

borrow  
 deny

disagree  
 enjoy

marry  
 save

spend  
 lose

### Ask Harriet

Dear Harriet,

I've never written to an advice columnist before, but I have a big problem. I'm going out with this really nice guy. He's very sweet to me, and I really want to marry him. In fact, we plan to have our wedding next summer. But he has a problem with money. He spend money like crazy! Sometimes he borrow money from me, but he never pays it back. I want to save money because I want us to buy an apartment when we get married. However, if I tell him he has a problem with money, he deny it. He says, "I enjoy with you. You never want to go out and lose yourself." I don't want to disagree him, but what can I do? – J. M., Seattle

accept  
 find

admit  
 forget

agree  
 refuse

Dear J. M.,

You and your boyfriend must agree on how you spend your money before you get married. If you both admit that there is a problem, you could probably find an answer. He should accept your idea of saving some money. And you shouldn't always forget to go out and have fun. Don't deny that talking can really help.

Good luck! – Harriet

B What advice would you give J. M.? Read the reply and make corrections.

Dear J. M.,

I understand your concern. Relationships need open communication and shared goals, especially when it come to money. If he keeps avoiding the topic, you may need to has a serious talk about your future together. Maybe consider going to financial counseling as an couple. If he still refuses to change or listen, you should ask yourself whether this are the kind of partner you want long term. Good luck!

## 8 To accept or to refuse?

A Complete the conversation with *would* or *should* and the correct tense of the verbs given.

**Carly:** Guess what, Kristin! A university in New Zealand has offered me a scholarship.

**Kristin:** Great! When are you going?

**Carly:** That's just it. I may not go. What would you do if your boyfriend asked you not to go?

**Kristin:** Well, I try to convince him that it's a good opportunity for me.

**Carly:** I've tried that. He said I could study the same thing here.

**Kristin:** If I were you, I talk to him again. You know, I once missed a big opportunity.

**Carly:** Oh? What happened?

**Kristin:** I was offered a job in Los Angeles, but my husband disliked the idea of moving, so we didn't go. I take the job. I've always regretted my decision. In my situation, what you do?

**Carly:** Oh, I accept the offer.

**Kristin:** Well, there's the answer to your predicament. Accept the scholarship!

## 9 What would you do if you found a diamond ring? Match it with the correct ending.

1. **I would hide** *it to the police station.*
2. **I wouldn't keep** *around to see if anyone lost it.*
3. **I could take** *able to find the owner.*
4. **I might ask** *it if I knew it belonged to someone.*
5. **I might not be** *it and come back for it later.*

