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How can tech problems stop you from getting a job
(Practice with 3rd Conditional)

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Yesterday I came across an article on the internet about the most annoying problems people have with their computers or gadgets. The article mentions a survey which revealed that one in eight British people have broken their computers or gadget in a fit of rage. I totally understand this attitude!

This reminded me of a terrible situation I found myself in three months ago.

I had been out of work for quite some time when I learned about a job vacancy on Linked in and got very interested. However, because of the pandemic, all the job application process had to be done remotely.

In the beginning of the pandemic, my computer crashed and I had been trying unsuccessfully to fix it. My ex-boyfriend, who is an expert in the area, offered to come over and have a look at it, but I turned down his proposal as I did not want to see him again.

To make matters worse, I had forgotten to pay for my internet provider and had no connection for a week. So, I couldn't access my e-mails (even on my cell phone!). Luckily, a neighbour let me use her phone and I managed to send the company my resumé.

A week later I had my internet connection restored and was able to arrange an interview for the following day at 7.30 am. As I didn't want to be late for the interview, I went to bed early and set my cell phone to wake me up at 6am. However, I forgot to check whether the charger was on, which ***wasn't*** *(I found out only the next day).*

To make the long story short, I overslept and missed the interview and haven't been able to find any other job since then.

Sometimes I wish I'd been born a hundred years ago when things were much simpler!

Paula

Make sentences in the third conditional about everything that went wrong in Paula's attempt to get a job.

Example: If she had accepted her ex-boyfriend's help, she could have had her computer fixed.

1. If she had paid the internet bills, she _____ . (access her e-mails)
2. If her neighbour hadn't lent her phone, she _____ . (send her resumé)
3. She wouldn't have arranged an interview if her connection _____ . (be restored)
4. She wouldn't have overslept if she _____ . (check the charger)
5. If it hadn't been for the pandemic, she _____ . (apply for the job remotely)

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