

PRACTICE

It all went wrong

- 1 Work in pairs. Read about three robberies that went wrong. What were the robbers' mistakes?

Easy arrest

A bank robber in Marseille, France, held up a sign which said 'Give me all the money.' The cashier handed over the money, and the bank robber fled, leaving the note behind. Unfortunately, he had written the note on the back of an envelope. On the other side was his address. He was arrested later the same day.

Smile!

Car thief Lee Hoskins took pictures of himself stealing a Vauxhall Astra with a camera he found in the glove department. Lee and his girlfriend took turns posing before crashing the car and fleeing the scene, leaving the camera on the back seat of the car. 'It's amazing just how stupid some criminals can be,' said a spokesman for Somerset police.

Have a loan instead

A Finnish bank manager stopped a robbery by persuading the three criminals to take out a loan instead. The robbers burst into the bank near Helsinki, and demanded €50,000. The manager put the money on the table, but suggested that a loan would be more sensible. He offered them a €10 cash advance and told them to return in ten minutes to sign the loan papers. Police were waiting for them.

- 2 Rewrite the sentences about the robberies using the words in brackets.

- 1 It was a mistake to write his note on an envelope. (*shouldn't*)
He shouldn't have written his note on an envelope.
- 2 It would have been better to take the note with him. (*should*)

- 3 He left his address. The police found him. (*if*)

- 4 It was stupid to take his photo. (*shouldn't*)

- 5 They crashed the car. They didn't escape. (*if, could*)

- 6 He left photos of himself. He could have got away with it. (*if, might*)

- 7 They were so stupid. They didn't escape with the money. (*if*)

- 8 They listened to the manager. They didn't steal the money. (*if, could*)

- 9 It was silly to go back to the bank. (*shouldn't*)

- 10 It would have been better to just run away. (*should*)



You're an idiot!

- 3 Your friend did some really stupid things.

I drove home even though I was falling asleep at the wheel.

You're an idiot! You might have had an accident! You could have killed someone!

How do you react when he tells you these things? Use *might have* or *could have*.

- 1 I went walking in the mountains for three days with no food or equipment.
- 2 I didn't feel like going to work, so I phoned in sick. I went shopping instead.
- 3 I had a temperature of 102, but I went out dancing all night.
- 4 I told Sally I couldn't see her, then went out to the pub with Danielle.
- 5 I used to be really good at tennis, I was an under-14 champion, but then I gave it all up.

T 9.4 Listen and compare.

Speaking

- 4 Think of a time in your life when things went wrong.

I went to a party with my boyfriend.
I kissed another boy.
I had a row with my boyfriend.
We broke up.

Make sentences like these.

I shouldn't have kissed the other boy.

If I hadn't kissed him, I wouldn't have had a row with my boyfriend.

I should have just said sorry to my boyfriend.
Then we wouldn't have broken up.

2 Types of conditional

Match the lines in the charts to make conditional sentences.

No condition (zero conditionals)

present	+	present
Jenny never says thank you Henry always gets angry Does meat go off	if	you don't keep it in a fridge? you criticize him. you do something for her.

Possible conditions (first conditional)

will	+	present
I'll help you Things will get better Will you still love me	if	I go grey and get wrinkles? you just wait and are patient. I have time.

Improbable conditions (second conditional)

would	+	past
I wouldn't do that The world would be a happier place What would you do	if	people smiled more. I were you. you saw a fight in the street?

Impossible conditions (third conditional)

would have	+	past perfect
I wouldn't have cooked meat Arsenal would have won Would you have gone to university	if	you hadn't had enough money? you'd told me you were vegetarian. Chelsea hadn't scored in the last minute.

Impossible conditions

5 Life-changing decisions

Read the texts. Write sentences in the third conditional, using the prompts.

Laura's life Laura studied economics at university in England. She couldn't find work in London, so she accepted a job working in a bank in Sydney, Australia. She went out with a boy called Mike, who loved her very much, but she knew he wasn't the boy for her. Then she met Bruce, fell in love, got married, and had two kids, Bill and Maddox.



- 1 If / Laura / not study / economics / not get / job.
If Laura hadn't studied economics, she wouldn't have got the job.
- 2 If / find / job / England / not go / Australia.

- 3 If / marry / Mike / not meet / Bruce.

- 4 If / not marry / Bruce / not have / Bill and Maddox.

Alf and Betty's life When Alf and Betty's children left home, they decided to move to London, so they sold their house in a small village in the country. They couldn't retire because they didn't have much money. They met another couple, May and Lionel. They all got on so well that they decided to go away together. Usually Alf and Betty visited their relatives when they had a holiday, but with their friends they went to Egypt, which they thought was marvellous.



- 5 If / children / not leave home / they / stay / in the country.

- 6 If / have / more money / retire.

- 7 If / not move / London / not meet May and Lionel.

- 8 If / not go / Egypt / they visit / relatives.

6 Questions and answers

Write questions and answers about what people didn't do!

- 1 A It's a shame. I never went to university.
B What would you have studied?
A I'd have studied psychology . (psychology)
- 2 A I didn't travel much in my life. I didn't have the chance.
B Where _____ ?
A _____ . (Africa)
- 3 A I didn't win the lottery, so I didn't buy a new car.
B What kind _____ ?
A _____ . (a Mercedes)
- 4 A I saw Tom Hanks in a restaurant. I wish I'd spoken to him.
B _____ said to him?
A _____ told _____ . (he was a great actor)
- 5 A Oof! I'm too full to eat a dessert.
B _____ had?
A _____ . (rhubarb crumble)
- 6 A We had daughters. We never had a son.
B _____ called him?
A We _____ . (Alfie)
- 7 A I always wanted a large family.
B How many children _____ liked?
A _____ . (six)
- 8 A I don't think you should have taken the M5.
Big mistake!
B Which road _____ ?
A _____ . (A203)

should / might / could have done

7 Past possibilities

Complete the sentences with a phrase from the box and the correct form of the verb in brackets.

could have should have shouldn't have wouldn't have

- 1 James could have been (be) a top league football player, but he broke his leg.
- 2 You _____ (tell) me the truth. I hate it when people lie to me.
- 3 They didn't invite me to their wedding, but I _____ (go) even if they had. He's all right, but I don't like her at all.
- 4 Stop using your mobile while you're driving. You nearly hit that car! You _____ (kill) us all!
- 5 Sorry, I've forgotten your address. I _____ (write) it down. What was it again?
- 6 A present! For me! That's so kind! You _____ (bother), really!



8 Advice about the past

Give advice using *should have* or *shouldn't have*.

- 1 I told her I thought she was weak and selfish.
You shouldn't have said that. You know she's very sensitive.
- 2 I drove past your house last night.
_____ come in and said hello! I was in on my own.
- 3 I stole some money from my mother's purse.
_____. That's so bad!
- 4 I'm absolutely broke. I haven't got a penny!
_____ so many clothes. You didn't need them.
- 5 There's a police car behind me.
_____ through those red lights. That was really silly.