

An Email About My Dream Job

Lesson 36 Grammar Station

## **GRAMMAR LEAD-IN**

#### Students often make mistakes with...

Third Conditional I would have invited you to the lecture if I had known you were back.

If I had known that there's a lecture, I would have sent you a message.



#### **Third Conditional**

We use it to talk about **past events which can not be changed**, so we know that the condition is impossible and imaginary.

If + past perfect 🕂 subject + would have + past participle

1 If I had seen you, I would have stayed longer.

(I didn't see you at that time, so I left earlier.)

2 If I had known it, I wouldn't have lied to you.

(I didn't know it, so I lied to you.)

lf I \_\_\_\_\_ (study) harder last year, l

(pass) the exam.



The sentence can deliver the same meaning in both ways:

1 If I had seen you, I would have stayed longer.

= I would have stayed longer if I had seen you.

2 If I had known it, I wouldn't have said that.

= I would have said that if I had known it.

Pay attention to the comma usage.

If it hadn't been for you, I wouldn't have accomplished this report. Have a try!

Other modal verbs like might and could are sometimes used instead of would in the third conditionals.

I would have visited you if I had known you were here.

I might have visited you if I had known you were here.

We would have gone skiing if it had snowed.

We could have gone skiing if it had snowed.

Can you tell the slight differences?

### **PRACTICE TIME**

Read the text below and complete the gaps with the correct words.

#### The Missed Chance

There was once a girl who wanted to be a writer. If she

(1) \_\_\_\_\_ worked harder, she (2) \_\_\_\_\_ have

published her novel. But she procrastinated and missed

her chance. If she had (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_ to her mentor's

advice, she (4) \_\_\_\_\_ have (5) \_\_\_\_\_ famous.

She regretted her choices and decided to be better.



Students often make mistakes with...

l hope you will join our drama club!

I wish I would!

wish & if only & hope





Wish / If Only Wish / If only are both used to express a wish for something.

1 a wish about <u>a present situation</u> wish/ if only + the past simple

e.g. I wish I knew the answer. (but I don't know it) If only I could drive the car. (but I can't drive)

a wish or regret <u>about the past</u>

wish/ if only + the past perfect

e.g. | wish | had never met him. (but | did meet him) If only we had come earlier. (but we didn't come earlier)

- I wish I could tell the truth.
  = If only \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- If only I'd never done this.
  = I wish \_\_\_\_\_\_



a wish for something to happen in the near future.

wish/if only + sth. + would...

e.g. I wish the show would start on time. If only the rain would stop.

4 a wish for someone to do sth. <u>in the near future.</u>

wish/if only + sb. + would...

e.g. I wish you wouldn't smoke there.

If only mom would agree with my opinion.

I wish the car would

I wish my father wouldn't



I wish vs. I hope

Be careful with these expressions when talking about the future.

"I wish + would" means the chances are low.

e.g. I wish he would phone me tomorrow.

I wish they would come and join us.

"I hope + will" means <u>there's a good chance</u>.

e.g. I hope you will like our show. (There's a good chance you will like it) I hope he will meet me. (There's a good chance he'll meet me.)

I didn't review the lesson.

tomorrow's test.

I prepared well for the test. | \_\_\_\_\_

tomorrow's test.



### **PRACTICE TIME**

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence using the given word.

Example: I wish I had never missed the chance. [if only] If only I had never missed the chance.

1. If only it wasn't raining now, I could go out. [I wish]

so I could go out.

2. I wish you had never broken that vase. [if only]

that vase.

3. I wish dad would take me to Disneyland! [if only]

to Disneyland!





#### **Third Conditional**



#### We use the Third Conditional to talk about past events which can not be changed.

1 If I had seen you, I would have stayed longer.

= I would have stayed longer if I had seen you.

- If I had known it, I wouldn't have said that.
  - = I would have said that if I had known it.

#### Wish/If Only

wish/ if only + the past simple a wish about a present situation

wish/ if only + the past perfect

a wish or regret about the past

wish/ if only + sth./sb. + would

a wish for something to happen now/ in the future a wish for someone to do something now/ in the future

#### I wish VS. I hope

"I wish + would" means the chances are low.

"I hope + will" means there's a good chance.



In the next lesson, we're going to explore a new unit! See you next time!

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