

**If only they had known ... Bedingungssätze (if-Sätze) III**

Richard and Sarah are telling Paul about their last holiday. Complete their sentences. Use **would have**, **could have** or **might have** in the main clause.

Richard: We've just returned<sup>1</sup> from our holiday. But we didn't really enjoy it.

Paul: What was the problem?

Sarah: The weather! It rained the whole time. If it ... (1 not to rain) so much, we ... (2 to enjoy) ourselves.

Richard: Yes, if the sun ... (3 to shine), we ... (4 to go) to the beach more often.

Sarah: And if we ... (5 to have) a chance to lie in the sun, we ... (6 to get) tanned<sup>2</sup>.

Richard: It was so cold! We ... (7 to take) warm clothes if we ... (8 to know) that it would be so cold.

Sarah: That's right. If somebody ... (9 to tell) us that the weather was usually like this, we ... (10 to choose) a different country for our holiday.

**An unlucky day ... Bedingungssätze (if-Sätze) III**

Complete the sentences.

Sanjay: I'm afraid we went to bed late so we got up late.

Bina: (1) Yes, if we ... (to go) to bed late, we ... (not to get up) late.

Sanjay: And then I lost my flight ticket and we wasted<sup>3</sup> a lot of time looking for it.

Bina: (2) Yes, if you ..., we ...

Sanjay: And because there was an accident on the motorway, the journey to the airport took over an hour. (3) If there ..., the journey ... so long.

Bina: And then, at the airport, the car park was full. So it took a long time to find a parking space.

Sanjay: That's right. (4) If the car park ..., it ...

Bina: And then the journey from the car park to the airport terminal took half an hour because we had to wait for the bus.

Sanjay: (5) Yes, the journey ... so long if we ... . And then, at the end of it all, the plane left two minutes early. So we missed<sup>4</sup> it!

Bina: It's true. (6) If the plane ..., we ...

1 to return *zurückkehren* 2 to get tanned *braun werden* 3 to waste *verschwenden* 4 to miss *verpassen*

**if-Sätze (III)****Hilfe**

*If-Sätze* werden auch *Bedingungssätze (conditional clauses)* genannt. Sie bestehen aus zwei Teilen:

- einem **Nebensatz mit 'if'** (if-clause), in dem eine Bedingung genannt wird: ("Wenn ich früher aufgestanden wäre, ...").
- einem **Hauptsatz** (main clause), in dem steht, was passiert, wenn diese Bedingung zuträfe: ("... wäre ich nicht zu spät zur Schule gekommen.").

Es gibt drei Arten von Bedingungssätzen. Hier geht es nur um

- Typ III: **unerfüllbare** Bedingungen  
(Etwas wäre wünschenswert, ist **nicht mehr zu ändern**.)

Diese Verbformen musst du in Bedingungssätzen vom Typ III verwenden:

- im **if-Satz**: Past Perfect (*If I **had played** the right numbers on the lottery ...*)
- im **Hauptsatz**: Conditional Perfect (... *I'd **have been** / I **would have been** a millionaire today.*)

**If only they had known ...** *Bedingungssätze (if-Sätze) III*

1 hadn't rained · 2 would have enjoyed · 3 had shone · 4 would have gone · 5 had had · 6 would have got · 7 would have taken · 8 had known · 9 had told · 10 would have chosen

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**An unlucky day ...** *Bedingungssätze (if-Sätze) III*

1 **hadn't gone** · **wouldn't have got up** · 2 Yes, if you **hadn't lost** your flight ticket, we **wouldn't have wasted** a lot of time looking for it · 3 If there **hadn't been** an accident on the motorway, the journey **wouldn't have taken** so long · 4 If the car park **hadn't been** full, it **wouldn't have taken** so long to find a parking space · 5 The journey to the airport terminal **wouldn't have taken** so long if we **hadn't had** to wait for the bus · 6 If the plane **hadn't left** two minutes early, we **wouldn't have** missed it.

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**Weiterführende Übungen****Friday 13th ...**

*Jill had a really bad day last Friday. This is what happened:*

When Jill left the house, the sun was shining. Her mother told her to take an umbrella, but she didn't listen. It was hot in the shopping centre, so she took off her jacket. While she was looking in the shops, she met an old friend, Chrissy. They had a coffee and a long talk. Chrissy had a money problem, so Jill gave her ten pounds. On her way home, Jill remembered that she had left her jacket in the café. She ran back to get it, but it had disappeared<sup>1</sup>. Her bus ticket was in the jacket pocket, and she had given Chrissy the rest of her money. Then it started to rain hard. Jill had no jacket, no umbrella, no bus ticket, no money. She had to walk home and she was wet to the skin<sup>2</sup> when she got there. On the next day - her birthday - she was ill in bed.

a) *Now say how one thing led to another.*

*If Jill **had listened** to her mother, she **would have taken** an umbrella. She **wouldn't have taken off** her jacket if it **hadn't been** hot in the shopping centre.*

If Jill ... (not to meet) Chrissy, she ... (not to go) to the café. If she ... (not to leave) her jacket in the café, it ... (not to disappear). She ... (to have) a bus ticket if she ... (not to lose) her jacket. If she ... (not to give) Chrissy ten pounds, she ... (to have) money for the bus or for a taxi. She ... (not to get) wet if she ... (to take) an umbrella with her. If she ... (not to get) wet, she ... (not to be) ill.

b) *Now find five things in the story that you would have done in a different way if you had been Jill.*

Example: *If I **had been** Jill, I **would have taken** an umbrella.*

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1 to disappear *verschwinden* 2 skin *Haut*