



IF CLAUSE (CONDITIONALS) TYPE 3



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If Susan had got the invitation , she might have come to the party. (She didn't get the invitation.)

If my father had saved some more money , he could have bought that car. (He couldn't buy the car because he didn't have enough money.)



Rewrite the following sentences using "If Clause Type 3"

1. Lucia didn't go to school last Monday because she was ill.

If Lucia

2. I didn't cook dinner yesterday evening because my husband brought pizza.

If my husband

3. My father wasn't at home last night because he had an important meeting at the office.

If my father

4. Peter went out with his friends because he finished his homework on time.

If Peter

5. We were late for work yesterday morning so the boss was very angry with us.

If we

6. David and Claire didn't buy the house on Park Street because it didn't have a balcony.

If the house on Park Street

7. I couldn't get into the house because I forgot the key in the classroom.

If I

8. Mr. Jerkins drove his car carelessly. He crashed into a tree.

If Mr. Jerkins

9. Miss Eliot left her umbrella at home so she got soaked in the heavy rain last Sunday.

If Miss Eliot

10. Little boy refused to use the suncream. He had terrible sunburn on his shoulders.

If the little boy

11. I didn't have my trainers with me so I couldn't play basketball with my friends.

If I

12. Helen couldn't telephone her friend James because she didn't know the telephone number.

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Rewrite the following sentences using "If Clause Type 3"

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If Lucia hadn't been ill , she would have gone to school last Monday.

2. I didn't cook dinner yesterday evening because my husband brought pizza.

If my husband hadn't brought pizza , I would have cooked dinner yesterday evening.

3. My father wasn't at home last night because he had an important meeting at the office.

If my father hadn't had an important meeting at the office , he would have been at home last night.

4. Peter went out with his friends because he finished his homework on time.

If Peter hadn't finished his homework on time , he wouldn't have gone out with his friends.

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If we hadn't been late for work yesterday morning , the boss wouldn't have been angry with us.

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If the house on Park Street had had a balcony , David and Claire would have bought it.

7. I couldn't get into the house because I forgot the key in the classroom.

If I hadn't forgotten the key in the classroom , I could have got into the house.

8. Mr. Jerkins drove his car carelessly. He crashed into a tree.

If Mr. Jerkins hadn't driven his car carelessly , he wouldn't have crashed into a tree.

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If the little boy hadn't refused to use the suncream , he wouldn't have had terrible sunburn on his shoulders.

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If I had had my trainers with me , I could have played basketball with my friends.

12. Helen couldn't telephone her friend James because she didn't know the telephone number.

If Helen had known the telephone number , she could have helped her friend James.

