

THE FLATMATES

Quiz:

The third conditional



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For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. If he'd left earlier, he wouldn't ... the start of the show.
 - a. to miss
 - b. missed
 - c. has missed
 - d. have missed

2. I'd have bought a better present if I ... more money last week.
 - a. had had
 - b. have had
 - c. had
 - d. has had

3. If ... she had told me earlier. I could've helped her then.
 - a. almost
 - b. just
 - c. only
 - d. scarcely

4. If she hadn't gone to Drama school, she wouldn't ... such a good dancer now
 - a. be
 - b. been
 - c. have been
 - d. was

5. If I ... harder for my exams last year, I'd ... a better job now
 - a. studied / have
 - b. studied / have had
 - c. had studied / have
 - d. had studied / have had

6. If I ... to that party, I would never ... Susan and then I might not ... with two kids now.
 - a. didn't go / meet / have
 - b. hadn't gone / met / have been
 - c. wouldn't have gone / have met / have been
 - d. hadn't gone / have met / be married

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Answers

For each of the six questions choose the correct answer.

1. If he'd left earlier, he wouldn't ... the start of the show.
 - a. to miss – Wrong – You need the perfect infinitive after 'would'.
 - b. missed – Wrong – You need an infinitive form after 'would'.
 - c. has missed - Wrong – You need an infinitive form after 'would'.
 - d. **have missed – Correct – This is the perfect infinitive form of the verb 'to miss'.**

2. I'd have bought a better present if I ... more money last week.
 - a. **had had – Correct – We use the past perfect after 'if'.**
 - b. have had - Wrong – You need the past perfect form of the verb 'to have'.
 - c. had – Wrong – You need the past perfect form of the verb 'to have'.
 - d. has had – Wrong – You need the past perfect form of the verb 'to have'.

3. If ... she had told me earlier, I could've helped her then.
 - a. almost – Wrong – How do we express strong regrets?
 - b. just – Wrong – How do we express strong regrets?
 - c. **only– Correct – We use 'if only' to express a strong regret.**
 - d. scarcely – Wrong – How do we express strong regrets?

4. If she hadn't gone to Drama school, she wouldn't ... such a good dancer now.
 - a. **be – Correct – You use 'be' and, not 'have been', because it is true now.**
 - b. been –Wrong– You need an infinitive form of the verb.
 - c. have been – Wrong – You need a different infinitive form of the verb.
 - d. was – Wrong – You need an infinitive form of the verb.

5. If I ... harder for my exams last year, I'd ... a better job now.
 - a. studied / have – Wrong – The first tense needs to show that it is an unreal past condition.
 - b. studied / have had – Wrong – The first tense needs to show that it is an unreal past condition.
 - c. **had studied / have – Correct – If the unreal past had happened, this would be the situation now.**
 - d. had studied / have had – Wrong – The second form of the verb needs to show it is an unreal present result, not past.

6. If I ... to that party, I would never ... Susan and then I might not ... with two kids now.
 - a. didn't go / meet / have – Wrong – The first verb form needs to show an unreal past, not present.
 - b. hadn't gone / met / have been – Wrong – The second verb form needs to be an infinitive form.
 - c. wouldn't have gone / have met / have been – Wrong – We don't use 'would' in the 'if' clause.
 - d. **hadn't gone / have met / be married – Correct – The unreal past action would lead to a past result and then a present result.**

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