

Talking about hypothetical situations

**"didn't interrupt" refers to the act of interrupting; "wouldn't interrupt" refers to the decision or the wanting to interrupt

Discuss whether the sentences are correct. Correct the wrong ones.

- 1 I wish you would have asked me before buying that picture. ✓
- 2 He looks as if he's French. ✓
- 3 If we ~~were~~ ^{had been} warned about the flood, we would have moved everything upstairs. ✓
- 4 I'd rather you ~~wouldn't~~ ^{didn't} put that photo on Facebook. ✗
- 5 If only she could have got tickets for the final! ✓
- 6 * I wish you ~~didn't~~ ^{wouldn't} interrupt when I'm talking! ✓
- 7 If we ~~didn't~~ ^{more often} have to work at the weekend, we would ~~(often)~~ go sailing. ✗
- 8 It's time you ~~got~~ ^{got} a haircut. ✗

6 Will and Zoe are having a row in a hotel. Put the verbs in brackets in the correct verb form. Where there is no verb given, use an auxiliary.



'I wish we hadn't come here!'

- Zoe** Urgh! This hotel is horrible! I wish we ¹ hadn't come (not come) here. I've never seen such a dirty place in my life! It ² wouldn't be (not be) so bad if the bathroom ³ was (be) clean, but it ⁴ is (be) filthy. I ⁵ wouldn't even (not even wash) my socks in it.
- Will** I know, but we'd been driving for hours and I ⁶ wanted (want) to stop. If we ⁷ hadn't, there mightn't have been another hotel for miles, and we ⁸ were still driving (still drive).
- Zoe** I wish we ⁹ had set off (set off) earlier, so we ¹⁰ got (get) to Cornwall today. We ¹¹ don't get (not get) there till tomorrow lunchtime

Complete the sentences as **mixed conditionals**, using the correct tense or verb form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I will give (give) Dave a lift again tomorrow if he doesn't make (not make) fun of my car this morning.
 - 2 If you hadn't been (not sit) in that café when I walked in, we wouldn't be living (not live) together now. ✓
 - 3 If Karl was ~~had been~~ (be) born a week earlier, he would start (start) school next week!
 - 4 We would bought (buy) that house right now if the previous owner hadn't painted (not paint) it pink! ^{trained}
 - 5 If I hadn't (not have) bad eyesight, I would have (train) as a pilot after I left college.
 - 6 I would have (post) Gilly's birthday present yesterday if I weren't visiting (not visit) her next week. ^{posted}
- didn't have to visit

1. Situation - I gave Dave a lift this morning, and he made fun of my car

"I would give Dave a lift again tomorrow if he hadn't made fun of my car this morning."

Chronology: 1. I gave Dave a lift. 2. Dave made fun of my car. 3. I have the above conversation with a colleague.

Conditionals:

Situation (use a tense), Result (use a modal except for automatic results in the '0' conditional)

now. I told you we'd need to leave in the morning, but you ¹² didn't listen (listen)! ✓

Will I had to finish some important work this morning. If I ¹³ hadn't, we ¹⁴ could have left (can leave) earlier. Then we ¹⁵ were sitting (sit) in a nice hotel on the coast instead of this dump in the middle of nowhere.

Zoe Anyway, it's time we ¹⁶ had (have) something to eat. If it ¹⁷ wasn't (not be) so late, I ¹⁸ would suggest (suggest) looking for a pub that does food, but I guess we ¹⁹ have to (have to) eat here. I wish we ²⁰ didn't – it ²¹ was (be) awful, I'm sure.

Will Oh, I wish you ²² stopped (stop) moaning!

Zoe OK, I'm sorry. I guess we're both tired. Come on, let's start enjoying the weekend!