

# I wouldn't have done that.

- ▶ Discuss imaginary situations
- ▶ Discuss difficult situations

## 1 SNAPSHOT

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**FLORIDA MOM "CAUGHT" BEING HONEST**  
Nancy Bloom was caught on the security camera entering a convenience store while the owner was out to lunch. The door was unlocked, so Nancy walked in with her son, picked up some ice cream, and left the money on the counter.

**HONESTY IS ITS OWN REWARD**  
After driving for 20 miles to return a wallet lost in a park, Kate Moore gets only a half-hearted, "Oh. Thanks."

**HOMELESS MAN FINDS \$40,000 AND TURNS IT IN**  
When Tom Heart found a backpack full of cash, he didn't think twice. He took it straight to the police. After reading Tom's story, a stranger started a fundraising campaign for Tom that has already raised over \$60,000.

MOST SHARED THIS WEEK

Have you heard any stories like these recently?

Have you ever found anything valuable? What did you do?

Do you think that people who return lost things should get a reward?

## 2 CONVERSATION What would you do?

▶ A Listen and practice.

**Joon:** Look at this. A homeless guy found a backpack with \$40,000 inside!

**Mia:** And what did he do?

**Joon:** He took it to the police. He gave it all back, every single penny.

**Mia:** You're kidding! If I found \$40,000, I wouldn't return it. I'd keep it.

**Joon:** Really? What would you do with it?

**Mia:** Well, I'd spend it. I could buy a new car or take a nice long vacation.

**Joon:** The real owner might find out about it, though, and then you could go to jail.

**Mia:** Hmm. You've got a point there.



▶ B Listen to the rest of the conversation. What would Joon do if he found \$40,000?

## 3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

▶ Unreal conditional sentences with *if* clauses

Imaginary situation  
(simple past)

If I found \$40,000,

Possible consequence  
(*would, could, or might* + verb)

I would keep it.

I wouldn't return it.

I could buy a new car.

I might go to the police.

What **would** you **do** if you **found** \$40,000?

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A Complete these conversations. Then compare with a partner.

- A: What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if you lost your sister's favorite sweater?  
B: Of course I \_\_\_\_\_ (buy) her a new one.
- A: If you \_\_\_\_\_ (have) three months to travel, where \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (go)?  
B: Oh, that's easy! I \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) to Europe. I've always wanted to go there.
- A: If your doctor \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) you to get more exercise, which activity \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (choose)?  
B: I'm not sure, but I think I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) jogging two or three times a week.
- A: \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (break) into your house if you \_\_\_\_\_ (lock) yourself out?  
B: No way! If I \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) another key, I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) a neighbor for help.
- A: If your friend \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to marry someone you didn't like, \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (say) something?  
B: No, I \_\_\_\_\_ (not say) anything. I \_\_\_\_\_ (mind) my own business.
- A: What \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (do) if you \_\_\_\_\_ (see) your favorite movie star on the street?  
B: I \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) shy! I \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) to take a photo with them.

B PAIR WORK Take turns asking the questions in part A. Answer with your own information.

## 4 LISTENING Tough situations

▶ A Listen to three people talk about predicaments. Check which predicament they are talking about.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Chris has relationship problems.    | <input type="checkbox"/> Chris is addicted to the Internet.      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Kari spent all her money in Europe. | <input type="checkbox"/> Kari lost all her money in Europe.      |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Zoey saw her classmates cheating.   | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoey doesn't understand her math class. |

▶ B Listen again. Write the two suggestions given for each predicament.

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| 1. a. _____ | b. _____ |
| 2. a. _____ | b. _____ |
| 3. a. _____ | b. _____ |

C GROUP WORK Which suggestions do you agree with? Why?



## 5 INTERCHANGE 15 Tough choices

What would you do in some difficult situations? Go to Interchange 15 on page 130.

## 6 WORD POWER Opposites

**A** Find nine pairs of opposites in this list. Complete the chart. Then compare with a partner.

accept	borrow	dislike	find	lose	remember
admit	deny	divorce	forget	marry	save
agree	disagree	enjoy	lend	refuse	spend

accept	≠	refuse		≠			≠
	≠			≠			≠
	≠			≠			≠

**B PAIR WORK** Choose four pairs of opposites. Write sentences using each pair.

I can't remember my dreams. As soon as I wake up, I forget them.

## 7 PERSPECTIVES That was a big mistake.

**A** Listen to people talk about recent predicaments. Then check (✓) the best suggestion for each one.

"I borrowed my sister's brand new car, and I scratched it while I was parking. I didn't want her to be upset with me, so I told her the scratch was there already. What should I have done?"

- ☐ You should have told her about it.
- ☐ You should have taken it to a repair shop.
- ☐ You should have offered to pay for the damage.

"I forgot my best friend's birthday. I felt terrible, so I texted him to apologize, but he's still upset. What would you have done?"

- ☐ I would have called him right away.
- ☐ I would have sent him a nice birthday present.
- ☐ I would have invited him out for a meal.

**B PAIR WORK** Compare with a partner. Do you agree with each other?

## 8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

### Past modals

Use **would have** or **should have** + past participle to give opinions or suggestions about actions in the past.

What <b>should</b> I <b>have done</b> ?	You <b>should have told</b> her about it.
	You <b>shouldn't have lied</b> to your sister.
What <b>would</b> you <b>have done</b> ?	I <b>would have called</b> him.
	I <b>wouldn't have texted</b> him.

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**A** Complete these conversations. Then practice with a partner.

- A:** I was in a meeting at work when my girlfriend texted me saying she needed to see me right away. What should I have \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?  
**B:** You should have \_\_\_\_\_ (send) her a message and \_\_\_\_\_ (tell) her you'd call back later.
- A:** The cashier gave me too much change. What should I have \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?  
**B:** You should have \_\_\_\_\_ (say) something. You shouldn't have \_\_\_\_\_ (take) the money.
- A:** I ignored an email from someone I don't like. What would you have \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?  
**B:** I would have \_\_\_\_\_ (reply) to the person. It just takes a minute!
- A:** We left all our trash at the campsite. What would you have \_\_\_\_\_ (do)?  
**B:** I would have \_\_\_\_\_ (take) it with me and \_\_\_\_\_ (throw) it away later.

**B** Read the situations below. What would have been the best thing to do? Choose suggestions. Then compare with a partner.

### Situations

- The teacher borrowed my favorite book and spilled coffee all over it. \_\_\_\_\_
- I saw a classmate cheating on an exam, so I wrote her an email about it. \_\_\_\_\_
- A friend of mine always has messy hair, so I gave him a comb for his birthday. \_\_\_\_\_
- I hit someone's car when I was leaving a parking lot. Luckily, no one saw me. \_\_\_\_\_
- My aunt gave me a wool sweater. I can't wear wool, so I gave it back. \_\_\_\_\_

### Suggestions

- You should have spoken to him about it.
- I would have spoken to the teacher about it.
- I would have waited for the owner to return.
- I wouldn't have said anything.
- You should have warned her not to do it again.
- You should have left a note for the owner.
- I would have told her that I prefer something else.
- You should have exchanged it for something else.

**C GROUP WORK** Make another suggestion for each situation in part B.

## 9 PRONUNCIATION Reduction of have

**A** Listen and practice. Notice how **have** is reduced in these sentences.

What would you <sup>/əv/</sup> have done? I would <sup>/əv/</sup> have told the truth.

**B PAIR WORK** Practice the conversations in Exercise 8, part A, again. Use the reduced form of **have**.



## 10 LISTENING Problem solved!

- ▶ A Listen to an advice podcast. Complete the chart.

	Problem	What the person did
Ronnie:		
Becca:		

- ▶ B Listen again. According to Dr. Jones, what should each person have done?

Ronnie: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becca: \_\_\_\_\_

- C PAIR WORK What would you have done in each situation?



## 11 SPEAKING An awful trip

- A PAIR WORK Imagine a friend has been on a really awful trip and everything went wrong. What should your friend have done? What shouldn't he or she have done?

Your friend spent hours in the sun and got a sunburn.  
Your friend drank tap water and got sick.  
Your friend stayed at a very bad hotel.  
Your friend's wallet was stolen.  
Your friend overslept and missed the flight back.

- A: She shouldn't have spent so many hours in the sun.  
B: She should have used sunscreen.

- B GROUP WORK Have you ever had any bad experiences on a trip? What happened?



## 12 WRITING Advice needed

Write a post to a community blog about a real or imaginary problem. Put your drafts on the wall and choose one to write a reply to.

WHAT WENT WRONG?

submitted by dmartin 10 hours ago

I lent my girlfriend \$10,000 to help her pay for her college tuition. That was about a year ago, and at the time, she said she would pay me back as soon as she found a job. She never even looked for a job. Last week, I asked her for my money back, and she accused me of being selfish, unsympathetic, and insensitive. She broke up with me, and now she won't even talk to me anymore. What did I do wrong? What should I have done? What should I do now? Does anyone have any suggestions?

248 comments

## 13 READING

- A Skim the three posts. What do Jack, Maya, and Andrés ask for advice about?

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1 JACK - LONDON 12

I am overweight, and I'd really like to slim down. I've tried all kinds of diets, but none of them seem to work. And there's so much advice on the Internet - I don't know what to believe any more. What would you recommend?

*I had the same problem until I tried a high protein/no carbohydrate diet. It was very strict - in the first couple of weeks you have to eat less than 40 grams of carbohydrates a day, so no bread, pasta, or potatoes! But I lost nine pounds in just 13 days, so for me it was worth it. I had a lot of meat and eggs and some butter, too, which was great! I'd give it a shot if I were you. (Sarah, Edinburgh)*

2 MAYA - SAN FRANCISCO 22

I'm traveling to Rio de Janeiro next month, and I'd like to see as much of the city as possible. The problem is that I'm only going to be there for a couple of days, and I'm not sure how to fit everything in. Should I book an organized tour?

*I was in Rio a couple of months ago. I travel a lot and like to be independent, so I chose to find my own way around the city. What a mistake! Rio's so big that I kept getting lost! And in the end, I didn't get to see the beach of Ipanema or the cathedral. It would have been nice to have somebody to talk to also. I really should have gone on a guided tour. (Dag, Oslo)*

3 ANDRÉS - BOGOTÁ 11

I've just finished my degree, and I'm on the fence about what to do next. Here in Bogotá, there aren't many job possibilities right now. Should I go back to college to get a Master's? Or go stay with my cousin in New York and try to get a job there? (My English is not very good, by the way - a friend wrote this!)

*Stay where you are! I moved to the United States from Poland and got a job as a server, but it's long hours and not much money. I haven't really made many friends, and I miss home. I should have stayed there and continued with my studies. (Marta, Krakow)*

- B Read the posts. Who would say these sentences? Write names from the posts.

- Should I go abroad or stay where I am? \_\_\_\_\_
- It worked for me, so why don't you try it? \_\_\_\_\_
- I would have been happier if I hadn't moved. \_\_\_\_\_
- How can I choose the right eating plan? \_\_\_\_\_
- If I went there again, I'd definitely join a group. \_\_\_\_\_
- I don't have much time, so I need to be organized. \_\_\_\_\_

- C Find words or expressions in the posts to match these definitions.

- Be an important or useful thing to do (post 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- Find enough time for something (post 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- To be unable to make a decision (post 3) \_\_\_\_\_

- D Do you agree with the advice given above? What advice would you give?