The Third Conditional Exercise

THE CONSEQUENCES OF STATES, ACTION OR INACTION

• IF + PAST PERFECT, WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE
  If I hadn't had a cold, I would have gone out on Friday

• WOULD HAVE + PAST PARTICIPLE + IF + PAST PERFECT
  I would have gone out on Friday if I hadn't had a cold

A Fill the gap using the verb in brackets. Think very carefully about the meaning of the phrase before deciding whether to use a negative or positive verb form.

1  I wouldn't have been angry if you ............................................ my chocolate mousse. (to eat)
2  If he had known you were in hospital, he ............................................. you. (to visit)
3  We wouldn't have come by taxi if we ............................................. the right bus. (to find)
4  We would have visited the Prado gallery if we ............................................. time. (to have)
5  If you hadn't been asking me questions all the time, I ............................................. the film. (to enjoy)
6  If I ............................................. your number, I would have phoned. (to know)
7  If just one person had remembered my birthday, I ............................................. sad. (to be)
8  I would have understood the film if it ............................................. in German. (to be*)
9  They ............................................. to see you if they hadn't been away. (to come)
10 If she ............................................. on a double yellow line, she wouldn't have got a fine. (to park)
11 If I'd known you were coming, I ............................................. a cake. (to bake)
12 If she ............................................. the shed unlocked, they wouldn't have stolen her bike. (to leave)
13 If you had told me about the concert, I ............................................. (to go)
14 The storm ............................................. a lot of damage if it had come this way. (to do)
15 The holidays would have been great if the weather ............................................. better. (to be)
16 I ............................................. the party if you hadn't behaved so badly. (enjoy)
17 If I ............................................. a smaller car, I would have spent less money on petrol. (to rent)

* If you are a German speaker, then the answer is different

B Now make up some examples of your own.

1 ...........................................................................................................................................
2 ...........................................................................................................................................
3 .............................................................................................................................................
Answers

1. I wouldn't be angry if you hadn't eaten my chocolate mousse.
2. If he had known you were in hospital, he would have visited you.
3. We wouldn't have come by taxi if we had found the right bus.
4. We would have visited the Prado gallery if we had had time.
5. If you hadn't been asking me questions all the time, I would have enjoyed the film.
6. If I had known your number, I would have phoned.
7. If just one person had remembered my birthday, I wouldn't be sad.
8. I would have understood the film if it hadn't been in German.
9. They would have come to see you if they hadn't been away.
10. If she hadn't parked on a double yellow line, she wouldn't have got a fine.
11. If I'd known you were coming, I'd have baked a cake.
12. If she hadn't left the shed unlocked, they wouldn't have stolen her bike.
13. If you had told me about the concert, I would've gone.
14. The storm would've done a lot of damage if it had come this way.
15. The holiday would've been great if the weather had been better.
16. I would have enjoyed the party if you hadn't behaved so badly.
17. If I had rented a smaller car, I would have spent less money on petrol.

Please remember that the abbreviations are optional.