

smaller.

If you **buy** the Alva, you'll get great fuel efficiency and a top-of-the-line car.

Remember: Never use a future form in the *if*- clause.

Don't say: If you ~~will~~ buy the Alva . . .

(unreal: I'm not you.)

If Blueberry **had** a cutting-edge smart phone, it **would outsell** Strawberry. (unreal: It doesn't.)

Remember: Never use *would* in the *if*- clause.

Don't say: If Blueberry ~~would~~ have . . .

Understand the grammar Check the statements that describe unreal conditions.

- 1 If they see something first-rate, they buy it.
- 2 If we take the bus to town, we save a lot of time.
- 3 If you turned off your cell phone in the theater, it wouldn't bother the other theatergoers.
- 4 If I rent the Alva, I'll save a bundle of money on gas.
- 5 They won't be able to upload the photos if they don't have a good Internet connection.
- 6 If she were here, she would explain how to use the Digicon remote telephone.
- 7 If the doctor prescribed an antibiotic, I would take it.

B Grammar practice Choose the correct form.

- 1 If the Teknicon 17-inch monitor (**were / would be**) on sale, I (**will / would**) buy it right away.
- 2 Most people (**buy / will buy**) state-of-the-art products if they (**have / will have**) enough money.
- 3 If they (**would invent / invented**) a safe way to text-message while driving, people (**will / would**) be very happy.
- 4 If she (**knew / would know**) about the Pictopia phone camera, she (**uses / would use**) it on her next work assignment.

Complete each conditional sentence with the correct form of the verb. Then check your answers.

1. If the color weren't so bright, more people _____ | _____ (*like*) the car.
2. If the company _____ (*improve*) their technology, they will sell more products.
3. I would get the L500 if I _____ (*need*) a new camera.
4. We _____ (*buy*) it sooner if it hadn't been so expensive.
5. If prices _____ (*go*) down, customers generally buy more.
6. They could have made an incredible product if the technology _____ (*exist*) at that time.
7. If he decides to get it, Don _____ (*be*) pleased with his decision.

B  **Rhythm and intonation** Listen again and repeat.
Then practice the Conversation Model with a partner.

GRAMMAR

The past unreal conditional

The past unreal conditional describes unreal or untrue conditions and results.
Use the past perfect in the **if- clause**. Use **would have** or **could have** in the result clause.

If she **had rented** a more economical car, she **wouldn't have spent** so much money on gas. (unreal condition: She **didn't** rent a more economical car.)

If Jonas Salk **hadn't invented** a vaccine to protect people against polio, many more people **would have gotten** the disease. (unreal condition: He **did** invent a vaccine.)

Questions and answers

Could they have prevented the accident if they **had known** the tires were so old?
(Yes, they **could have**. / No, they **couldn't have**.)

How many people **would have been injured or killed** if air bags **hadn't been invented**? (No one knows exactly, but a lot.)

Be careful!

Don't use **would** or **could** in the **if- clause**.

Don't say: "If Jonas Salk **wouldn't have** invented..."

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The unreal conditional: variety of forms

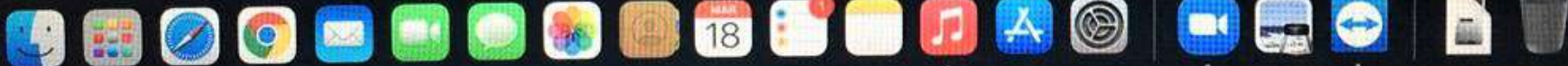
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- 1 I wouldn't have gone to class if I had known I had the flu.
 - a I went to class.
 - b I didn't go to class.
- 2 If we had used our GPS, we wouldn't have gotten lost.
 - a We got lost.
 - b We didn't get lost.
- 3 If they hadn't planted those new genetically engineered tomatoes, they would have lost this year's crop.
 - a They lost this year's crop.
 - b They didn't lose this year's crop.
- 4 The airline wouldn't have canceled the flight if they hadn't had a program to predict engine failure.
 - a They canceled the flight.
 - b They didn't cancel the flight.

B Grammar practice Choose the correct forms to complete each past unreal conditional sentence.

- 1 What you if you a phone in your car?
do not / have
- 2 We this digital video conference if an Internet connection available.
cannot / have not / be
- 3 If our old film camera, we this digital one.
not / break not / buy
- 4 If she her smart phone with GPS, she late for the dinner.
take would not / be
- 5 If instrument navigation, intercontinental air travel
not / be invented not / develop



C Grammar practice With a partner, take turns reading each situation and completing each statement. Use the past unreal conditional. More than one answer is possible.

1 On Monday you bought a new Blendini sports car because its advertising said it was very economical. However, you didn't check the facts. Then on Friday you saw an article in the newspaper: "Blendini Company fined for lying about statistics. Car uses more fuel than all others of its class."

If I had seen

3 There was a big sale at the Morton Street Mall. Everything in every store was half-price. You didn't know and you went shopping somewhere else. When you got home, a friend called to tell you about all the bargains she got.

If I

2 You forgot to close the windows in your house before a weekend trip. There was a terrible rainstorm. When you got home, some of your furniture was damaged by the water. Your family blamed you because you were the last to leave the house.

If I hadn't forgotten

4 You bought some insect repellent for a trip to the mountains. When you got there, the mosquitoes were brutal. Before you sprayed the repellent on yourself and your children, you looked at the label. It said, "Caution. Not for use on children under 12."

If I