

Unit 9 跟過去事實相反的假設語氣

1. 表達對過去事實能有改變的期待

注意事實跟假設語氣句子當中的動詞變化。

Reality:

(1) I **didn't study** for the test.

(2) Jim **didn't finish** his work.

(3) I **went** to the meeting.

(4) Bobby **told** her the truth.

(5) I **couldn't do** it yesterday.

Making a wish:

I wish (that) I **had studied** for the test.

Jim wishes he **had finished** his work.

I wish I **hadn't gone** to the meeting.

I wish Bobby **hadn't told** him the truth.

I wish I **could have done** it yesterday.

假設語氣是比較困難的文法項目。

Exercise 1: Make wishes for the following sentences.

1. I **didn't call** my friend last night. → I wish **I had called my friend last night.**

2. Tom **spent** all of his money yesterday.

→ He wishes **he hadn't spent all of his money yesterday.**

3. Anna **didn't finish** high school. → She wishes **had finished high school.**

4. Jerry **wasn't** at the meeting last week.

→ He wishes **he had been at the meeting last week.**

5. John **was taking** a shower then. → **He wishes he hadn't been taking a shower then.**

2. If 表達若過去的事實能有所改變的話，其結果將是什麼。

(1) **Reality:** I **didn't have** enough time.

Using **wish:** I wish I **had had** enough time.

Using **if:** If I **had had** enough time, I **would have done** it.

(2) **Reality:** The weather **wasn't** nice yesterday.

Using **wish:** I wish the weather **had been** nice yesterday.

Using **if:** If the weather **had been** nice yesterday, I **would have gone** to the park.

Exercise 2: Oral Practice

Reality: I **didn't know** how to get around the city when I moved here. I **was** so confused.

A: You know, I wish I **had known** how to get around the city when I moved here.

B: Oh, really? Why?

A: If I **had known** how to get around the city when I moved here, I **wouldn't have been** confused.

B: I know what you mean.

Reality

1. I didn't drive to work today. I had to wait forty minutes for the subway.
2. I didn't have a flu shot last fall. I was sick all winter.
3. I didn't do my homework last night. I had to do my homework early this morning.
4. I wasn't prepared for my English test. I got a low grade.

Exercise 3: 理解文章內容，將跟事實相反的假設語氣中的動詞畫底線。

1. Most of us are amazed by the rapid pace of technology at the beginning of the twenty-first century. We often wonder what life will be like 20 or 50 or 100 years from now. But do you ever wonder what your life would have been like if you had been alive 100 years ago? If you had lived around 1900 in the U.S., you would have earned about \$200-\$400 a year. You probably wouldn't have graduated from high school. Only 6 percent of Americans had a high school diploma at that time. If you had been a dentist or an accountant, you would have made \$2,500 a year. If you had been a child living in a city, you might have had to work in a factory for 12-16 hours a day.
2. If you had gone to a doctor, he probably would not have had a college education. Only 10 percent of doctors at that time had a college degree. And if you had had a baby at that time, it would have been born at home. If you had gotten an infection at that time, you probably would have died because antibiotics had not yet been discovered. The leading causes of death at that time were pneumonia, influenza, and tuberculosis.
3. What about your home? If you had been living 100 years ago, you probably wouldn't have had a bathtub or a telephone. You would have washed your hair about once a month. Do you think you would have been happy with life 100 years ago?

3. 假設語氣：現在與過去的組合

1. **Reality:** I **am not** a good student, so I **didn't study** for the test last night.

→If I **were** a good student, I **would have studied** for the test last night.

2. **Reality:** Mary **overslept** this morning. She **is** late.

→If Mary **hadn't overslept** this morning, she **wouldn't be** late.

Exercise 4: Change the following descriptions into conditional sentences.

1. Anita is sick because she didn't follow the doctor's orders. In other words, if

she had followed the doctor's orders, she wouldn't be sick.

2. The room is full of flies because you didn't close the door. In other words, if

you had closed the door, the room wouldn't be full of flies.

3. I didn't finish my homework, so I am afraid to see my English teacher. In other words,

if *I had finished my homework, I wouldn't be afraid to see my English teacher.*

4. I am hungry now because I didn't eat dinner. In other words, if

I had eaten dinner, I wouldn't be hungry now.

5. You are tired this morning because you went to bed too late. In other words, if

You hadn't gone to bed late, you wouldn't be tired this morning.

6. I am not you, so I didn't tell him the truth. In other words, if

I were you, I would have told him the truth.