



ENGLISH GRAMMAR 2

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL

Unit 40 – if I had known ... I wish I had known ...

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NGHIÊN CỨU TÌNH HUỐNG

A

Last month Gary was in hospital for a few days. Rachel didn't know this.

A few days ago they met by chance. Rachel said:

- If I'd known you were in hospital, I would have gone to visit you.

(= I didn't know, so I didn't go to visit you)

If I'd known = If I had known.

This tells us that she didn't know before.

We use if + had ('d) ... to talk about the past (if I'd known / if you'd done etc.):

- I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. **If I'd seen** you, I would have said hello.
- They didn't go out last night. They would have gone out **if they hadn't been** so tired. (*but they were tired*)
- **If you'd been** looking where you were going, you wouldn't have walked into the wall. (*but you weren't looking*)
- The view was wonderful. I would have taken some pictures if I'd had (= if I had had) a camera with me. (*but I didn't have a camera*)

Compare:

- I'm not hungry. **If I was** hungry, I **would eat** something. (now)
- I wasn't hungry. **If I had been** hungry, I **would have eaten** something. (past)

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B

We do not say “**if something would have happened**”. We use **would** in the other part of the sentence:

- If I had seen you, I would have said hello. (not *If I would have seen you*)
 - ✓ The short form 'd can be would or had:
 - ✓ *If I'd seen you, (I'd seen = I had seen)*
 - ✓ *I'd have said hello. (I'd have said = I would have said)*

C

❖ We use **had done/known/been etc.** in the same way after **wish**.

- ***I wish something had happened = I am sorry that it didn't happen***
 - ***I wish something hadn't happened = I am sorry that it happened***
 - I **wish** I'd known that Gary was ill. I **would have gone** to see him. (*but I didn't know*)
 - I feel sick. I **wish** I **hadn't eaten** so much. (*I ate too much*)
 - Do you **wish** you'd studied science instead of languages? (*you didn't study science*)
- ❖ **Compare:**
- I'm glad I saw him. (= *I saw him*)
 - I **wish** I'd **seen** him. (= *I didn't see him*)
- ❖ We do not say “**wish ... would have ...**”
- The weather was cold. I **wish** it **had been** warmer. (*not I wish it would have been*)

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SO SÁNH **WOULD DO** VÀ **WOULD HAVE DONE**

D

❖ Compare **would (do)** and **would have (done)**:

- If I'd gone to the party last night, I **would be tired** now. (*I am not tired now – present*)
- If I'd gone to the party last night, I **would have met** lots of people. (*I didn't meet lots of people – past*)

❖ Compare **would have**, **could have** and **might have**:

we **would have gone** out.

we **could have gone** out.

- If the weather **hadn't been** so bad, (= we would have been able to go out)

we **might have gone** out.

(= maybe we would have gone out)

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THỰC HÀNH NHANH

For the situation below, write a sentence beginning with If.

I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.

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TÓM TẮT

1. Để diễn tả một điều kiện không có thật trong quá khứ, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc:

If subject + past perfect, subject + would have + past participle

If I'd seen you, I would have said hello.

2. Chúng ta không dùng “would” trong mệnh đề if, mà dùng ở mệnh đề chính.
3. Để diễn tả ước muốn về một tình huống không có thật trong quá khứ, chúng ta dùng cấu trúc:

Subject + wish + subject + past perfect

The weather was cold. I **wish** it **had been** warmer.

4. **“Would do”** diễn tả một tình huống hiện tại. **“Would have done”** diễn tả một tình huống trong quá khứ.