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LESSON 22

PART 2: PRACTICE





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Task 1. Match the two parts of the sentences.

- A. they wouldn't have had so many problems
- B. if you had studied medicine
- C. if you'd asked
- D. if you hadn't told them
- E. she wouldn't have been so tired
- F. you wouldn't have been so stressed at the last minute
- G. if my alarm clock had gone off

- 1. I wouldn't have overslept
- 2. If she had gone to bed earlier,
- 3. I could have lent you the money
- 4. They wouldn't have found out
- 5. You could have been a doctor
- 6. If you'd been more organised,
- 7. If they'd taken my advice,

Task 2. Rewrite the letter, using if-clauses (Third conditional).

Dear Mary,

I'm writing to you feeling completely frustrated. As you know, I have to give a reception every year to entertain my husband's business associates, so I have to go to a lot of trouble. Well, disaster struck again! In my attempt to appear an original hostess, I ordered some Chinese and Thai food to be served with chopsticks. Needless to say, my guests disapproved. I also booked a Latin band to come and play live, but our middle-aged guests found it hard to dance so energetically. My husband has no sympathy for me and is mad at my choice of entertainment. I must confess I want to get out of organising such social gatherings. It's a pity you weren't here; you missed out on a unique opportunity to see my husband dancing.