



Exercise 1: Speculate about the following events in some of the texts you read so far. Use third Conditional Sentences. Try to add a coherent idea about what would have happened instead.

a) They didn't have money to pay off their debt with Señor Costas. Their children lived at the Maquila.

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b) Señor Costas didn't pay a good salary. Children didn't go to school.

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c) Señor Costas saw Miguel sleeping on his job. He shouted at his mother.

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d) Señor Costas wasn't a bad man. He gave Miguel and his family a house by the river for very little money.

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e) The black waters came into the village. They destroyed every house.

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f) A Shoreditch jazz bar posted a discriminatory advert. There was an eruption of anger.

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g) The job ad looked for “extremely attractive” staff. Poppy reacted against its discriminatory content.

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h) The House of Wax had the audacity to post such an advert. The division between the ‘so whats’ and the ‘oh gods’ became very clear.

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i) Poppy didn’t belong to the ‘so whats’ category. She didn’t support the ad.

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j) Nicola and Poppy didn’t stop their fight. House of Wax removed the ad from all sites.

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k) Miss Martha resorted to food to please the customer. She made such a terrible mistake.

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l) The woman didn’t know the customer was a draftsman. She made up stories about his possible profession.

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m) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood. The author had to take a decision.

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n) The author took the least traveled road. He made all the difference.

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ANSWERS

Exercise 1:

(Se proveen algunas respuestas posibles)

- a. If they had had money to pay off their debt with Señors Costas, their children wouldn't have lived at the Maquila (They would have lived in a house with their own family)
- b. If Señor Costas had paid a good salary, children would have gone to school (They would have enjoyed their childhood)
- c. If Señor Costas hadn't seen Miguel sleeping on his job, he wouldn't have shouted at his mother (...)
- d. If Señor Costas had been a bad man, he wouldn't have given Miguel a house by the river for very little money (...)
- e. If the black waters hadn't come into the village, they wouldn't have destroyed every house (...)
- f. If a Shoreditch jazz bar hadn't posted a discriminatory advert, there wouldn't have been an eruption of anger (The division between the "so whats" and the "oh gods" wouldn't have become clear)
- g. If the job ad hadn't looked for "extremely attractive" staff, Poppy wouldn't have reacted against its discriminatory content (She would have written about a different topic)
- h. If the House of Wax hadn't had the audacity to post such an advert, the division between the 2 groups wouldn't have become clear (...)
- i. If Poppy had belonged to the "so whats" category, she would have supported the ad (She would have left it unnoticed)
- j. If Nicola and Poppy had stopped their fight, House of Wax wouldn't have removed the ad from all sites (The ad would have remained)

k.If Miss Martha hadn't resorted to food to please the customer, she wouldn't have made such a terrible mistake (...)

l. If the woman had known the customer was a draftsman, she wouldn't have made up stories about his possible profession (...)

m. If the two roads hadn't diverged in a yellow wood, the author wouldn't have had to take a decision (...)

n. If the author hadn't taken the least traveled road, he wouldn't have made all the difference (...)