



**If you invented  
a time travel  
machine,  
what would  
you do?**

**Choose 3- 4 decisions you have made from the list below.**

**Tell your partners about them and give details (Was it hard? Who helped you, etc?)**

**Do you have any regrets? Would you like to change something?**

- which subjects to study at school/university
- to leave school
- to go to university
- to buy or sell a house/flat
- to get married
- to start or change your career
- to start your own business
- to leave a job
- to take up or give up a hobby/sport
- to retire or give up work

**a** Read the extracts from the listening and answer the questions.

*If I had stayed at work, I wouldn't have spent time with Jack when he really needed me.*

- 1 Did Roger stay at work?
- 2 Did he spend time with Jack?

*I wouldn't have met Nancy if I hadn't come to France!*

- 3 Did Tunde come to France?
- 4 Did he meet Nancy?

## Active grammar

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We use the Third Conditional to talk about a real/imaginary situation in the present/past.

We make the Third Conditional with ...

*if* + subject + past perfect + *would(n't) have/could(n't) have* + past participle.

Past condition

Past result (hypothetical)

***If I had stayed at work, I wouldn't have spent time with Jack.***

or

Past result (hypothetical)

Past condition

***I would have cooked dinner if I'd known you were coming.***

In spoken English, *have* and *had* are usually contracted to 've and 'd.



**Jim lost his job  
last month.**



**He didn't buy a house.**

**If Jim hadn't lost his job, he would  
have bought a new house.**



**She worked out  
a lot.**



**She got slim.**

**If she hadn't worked out a lot,  
she wouldn't have got slim.**



**Jessica broke up  
with her boyfriend.**



**She didn't travel to  
Turkey last summer.**

**If Jessica hadn't broken up with  
her boyfriend, she would have  
travelled to Turkey last summer.**



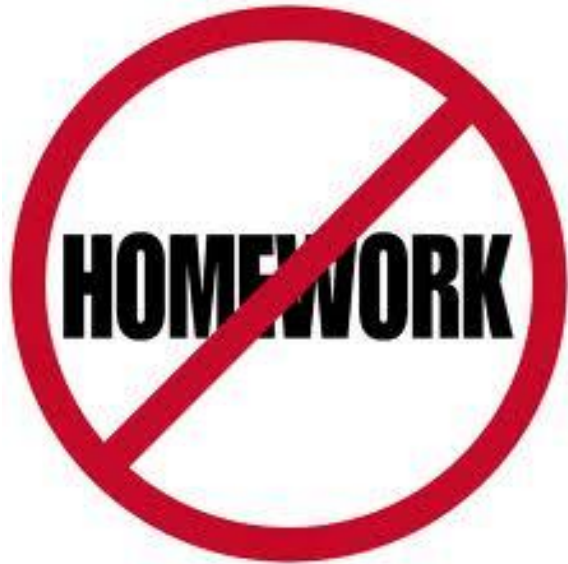
**He failed his  
exams.**



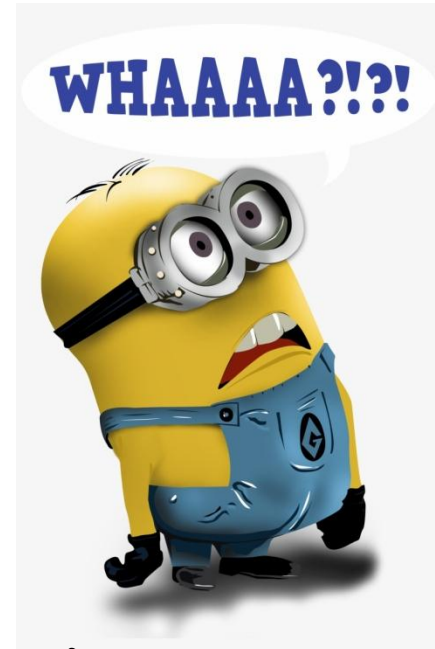
**He didn't get a  
degree.**

**If he hadn't failed his exams, he  
would have got a degree.**





**He didn't do his homework.**



**He didn't understand the topic.**

**If he had done his homework, he would have understood the topic.**