

Future activities in the past; Mixed conditionals; Indirect questions; Question tags

1 Circle the correct alternative.

- We were/would going to go for a long walk, but it started raining, so we stayed inside.
- I was about to/was to leave for work when the postman arrived with a parcel.
- The broadcast was to/was about go out on Friday morning.
- He knew she wouldn't be/wasn't being at home, but he rang the bell anyway.
- I wanted to go to the party, but I was flying/would fly to London that morning.
- They were to/were about to join us at the theatre at 7.30.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs given.

- I much warmer if I had put on a coat before we left. (be)
- If the paper my story, I'd be famous now. (print)
- If the company more organised, they would have held the press conference last week. (be)
- If I the invitation, I wouldn't be at the party now. (not see)
- If she hadn't listened to all the gossip, she more confident. (be)
- They on that assignment now if they hadn't been up all night at a party last night. (not work)

3 Circle the correct alternative.

- Do you know/I'd like to know what you thought of the editor's blog.
- I wonder if/Do you know whether they forecast snow for tomorrow?
- Could you tell me/I'd like to know where the spokesperson is?
- I wonder if you/Do you know whether you could tell me exactly what you saw last night.
- Could you tell/Have you any idea what time they'll be back?
- I'd like to know whether/Could you tell me if you saw anything suspicious.

4 Choose the best answer to complete the questions.

- It was a fantastic publicity stunt,
a was it? b wasn't it? c weren't it?
- You don't like the paparazzi at all,
a did you? b don't you? c do you?
- I'm boring you,?
a am I? b aren't I? c isn't I

- He could write the feature story,
a couldn't he? b could he? c wouldn't he?
- They saw the news last night,
a did they? b aren't they? c didn't they?
- The film wasn't very good,
a was it? b wasn't it? c did it?

5 Complete the text with the phrases in the box.

Could you tell me • Don't you • do you •
had happened • haven't you •
was about to get back on • was about to go •
was going • wouldn't be • would like to know

Lucy's blog

Someone watching over me?

I like to think someone is watching over me.

(1)? It helps me explain certain days when I feel very lucky. Let me tell you about an accident I had about ten years ago. You've got time to read this, (2)?

I (3) for a long ride on my horse, Savannah. We set off, but after about ten minutes, I got off to open a gate. I (4) when something scared the horse and she galloped off. I fell and hit my head. I (5) and find my horse, but a farmer appeared with her. He helped me back to the stable. Then I went home. My mother took me to the doctor who sent me to the hospital. After some X-rays, they told me I had fractured my neck and broken my jaw. I spent three months recovering, but now I'm fine. I'm not quite sure how. If something (6) on the way to the doctor or the hospital, it could be a very different story. If I hadn't received treatment so quickly, I (7) here today. I feel that someone was protecting me that day.

I (8) what you think. You don't think I'm being over-imaginative, (9)?

(10) if you've experienced anything similar? Please write and share your story.