

Tandem activity: The past perfect simple



Put in the correct form of the verb. Use the simple past or the past perfect simple where possible and act out the dialogue. You've got the solutions for your partner's sentences. Correct your partner if he/she makes a mistake.

Partner A: Jay	Partner B: Olivia
Jay: Yesterday Holly _____ (tell) me about a film she _____ (see) last weekend. It was about a woman called Anne Bonny. Have you heard of her?	Jay: Yesterday Holly told me about a film she had seen last weekend. It was about a woman called Anne Bonny. Have you heard of her?
Olivia: Yes. Anne Bonny was very brave and strong. She became famous as a pirate after she had attacked a lot of ships in the Caribbean. I think she came from Ireland.	Olivia: Yes. Anne Bonny was very brave and strong. She _____ (become) famous as a pirate after she _____ (attack) a lot of ships in the Caribbean. I think she came from Ireland.
Jay: Yes, she did. But she didn't live there for very long. Her parents _____ (already move) to America before she _____ (be) two years old.	Jay: Yes, she did. But she didn't live there for very long. Her parents had already moved to America before she was two years old.
Olivia: Her family lived happily until her mother became very sick. After she had died , Anne's life changed .	Olivia: Her family lived happily until her mother became very sick. After she _____ (die), Anne's life _____ (change).
Jay: Yes, she left home and met a pirate called John Bonny. After she _____ (marry) him, she _____ (become) a pirate too.	Jay: Yes, she left home and met a pirate called John Bonny. After she had married him, she became a pirate too.
Olivia: No, she didn't become a pirate until after she had met her second husband John Rackham. And on his ship she met another woman pirate: Mary Read.	Olivia: No, she _____ (not become) a pirate until after she _____ (meet) her second husband John Rackham. And on his ship she met another woman pirate: Mary Read.
Jay: Did you know that at first they both thought the other was a man? It was only much later, after they _____ (discover) each other's secret, that they _____ (become) friends.	Jay: Did you know that at first they both thought the other was a man? It was only much later, after they had discovered each other's secret, that they became friends.
Olivia: And did you know that when the British attacked them because they had stolen so many of their treasures, it was Anne and Mary who fought hardest?	Olivia: And did you know that when the British _____ (attack) them because they _____ (steal) so many of their treasures, it was Anne and Mary who fought hardest?
Jay: Yes, but that was only because when the British _____ (attack), the men _____ (not finish) their game of bowls.	Jay: Yes, but that was only because when the British attacked , the men hadn't finished their game of bowls.
Olivia: No, the men had drunk too much before. That's why they couldn't fight!	Olivia: No, the men _____ (drink) too much before. That's why they _____ (cannot) fight!

Tandem activity: Conditional clauses type 3



Complete the conditional clauses and act out the dialogue. You've got the solutions for your partner's sentences. Correct your partner if he/she makes a mistake.

Partner A: Luke	Partner B: Olivia
Luke: If Dave _____ (not move) to Cornwall, I _____ (not feel) lonely for such a long time.	Luke: If Dave hadn't moved to Cornwall, I wouldn't have felt lonely for such a long time.
Olivia: But we wouldn't have gone to Cornwall if Dave hadn't moved there.	Olivia: But we _____ (not go) to Cornwall if Dave _____ (not move) there.
Luke: That's true. And if we _____ (not visit) him there, we _____ (not have) so much fun in the holidays.	Luke: That's true. And if we hadn't visited him there, we wouldn't have had so much fun in the holidays.
Olivia: You're right. If we had stayed at home, the holidays would have been really boring.	Olivia: You're right. If we _____ (stay) at home, the holidays _____ (be) really boring.
Luke: And if we _____ (not have) that adventure on the beach, I _____ (miss) the most exciting day of my life!	Luke: And if we hadn't had that adventure on the beach, I would have missed the most exciting day of my life!
Olivia: Also, we would have had a lot less entertainment if Dave hadn't sent us all those funny videos and messages.	Olivia: Also, we _____ (have) a lot less entertainment if Dave _____ (not send) us all those funny videos and messages.
Luke: Yes. And if we _____ (not visit) Dave in Cornwall, we _____ (not meet) Bob.	Luke: Yes. And if we hadn't visited Dave in Cornwall, we wouldn't have met Bob.
Olivia: Yes. Bob was great, wasn't he? If we hadn't met him, we wouldn't have learnt all those interesting facts about Cornwall.	Olivia: Yes. Bob was great, wasn't he? If we _____ (not meet) him, we _____ (not learn) all those interesting facts about Cornwall.
Luke: I'm sure that Dave's family _____ never _____ (not be able to) fix the problem with the water if Bob _____ (not help) them.	Luke: I'm sure that Dave's family would never have been able to fix the problem with the water if Bob hadn't helped them.
Olivia: Dave wouldn't have got to know Bob's two children if we hadn't come to visit.	Olivia: Dave _____ (not get) to know Bob's two children if we _____ (not come) to visit.
Luke: And if he _____ (not get to know) them, Dave probably _____ (be) lonely in Cornwall without us for a long time too.	Luke: And if he hadn't got to know them, Dave would probably have been lonely in Cornwall without us for a long time too.