

If Only Things Had Been Different...



Level:

Upper Intermediate—Advanced



Objectives:

The student will be able to practice using unreal conditionals from many points of view



Timing

10-15 minutes



Prep/

Materials:

No prep needed

In this activity, ask your student to choose a famous person who they know well. Ask your learner to note down things which have happened in this person's life. For example, David Beckham became a professional footballer. Then ask them to tell you what would have happened has this action not occurred.

- The student could come up with something along these lines: If David Beckham hadn't become a professional soccer player, he wouldn't have become famous and wouldn't have as much money. He wouldn't live in his big home and would have a different job.
- For virtual lessons, depending on the cultural background of the student, you might need to Google the person they consider to be a celebrity (in case you are not familiar with the person they chose). You can share the screen with your student showing them the photo of the celebrity and asking them to tell you more about them. This could start up an interesting conversation and give an opportunity to the student to speak freely.
- With business students, you can even look at a case study from within their business and discuss what mistakes were made, what should have been done, and why things went wrong or right.



Breakdown: