I Should've Been a Lifeguard

English · B2

Scan to play the song

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · Mixed conditional: past if, present result

Find it: __ / 4

1 · SEE IT

I'd be sitting by the pool right now.

2 · LEARN IT

if I had listened	in the past	**I would still be stacking boxes**	now
if I'd been on time	in the past	**I'd still be working**	now
we'd still be a duo	now	**we wouldn't be standing here**	now

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of mixed conditional. One line has none.

1. Two more weeks, and then I'm free.
2. If I'd known how hot a kitchen gets in August,
3. and I wouldn't smell like onions.
4. If I'd listened to my best friend Tyler,
5. I'd be the one who's sitting in the tall white chair,

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] I should've been a lifeguard!
- [ ] would teach me what responsibility means,
- [ ] so I bit the bullet back in June and signed on
- [ ] My dad had told me that a real job
- [ ] at the Burger Barn out on Route Nine.

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use would've.

1. I _____ chosen the whistle over the spatula.

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 10

For parents: scan to play the song at home. The app is free to try.

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English · B2 · Grammar: Mixed conditional: past if, present result · 10 points

Grammar · Find it (4)

1 none 2 I'd 3 wouldn't 4 I'd 5 I'd

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

I should've been a lifeguard! 1 · would teach me what responsibility means, 3 · so I bit the bullet back in June and signed on 4 · My dad had told me that a real job 2 · at the Burger Barn out on Route Nine. 5

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 would've

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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