I Was Taught by a Five-Year-Old

English · B2

Scan to play the song

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · if + had done, would have done

Find it: __ / 1

1 · SEE IT

If her parents had heard me, they would have smiled

2 · LEARN IT

if I had known	but I didn't know	**if I'd known**	short for if I had known
I would have stayed	but I didn't stay	**you would've seen**	short for would have seen
I'd have planned	short for I would have planned	**if we had asked**	but we didn't ask
I wouldn't have spent	but I did spend		

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of if + had done, would have done. One line has none.

1. a few more months in my evening classes,
2. but I would never have learned the things

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- [ ] yet nobody had told me that real Americans
- [ ] I had studied English for years in São Paulo,
- [ ] When I landed in Newark that cold December,
- [ ] They hired me to teach their kids Portuguese,
- [ ] but the lessons went the other way.

Sing it together

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

My score ____ / 6

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

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English · B2 · Grammar: if + had done, would have done · 6 points

Grammar · Find it (1)

1 none 2 would

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

yet nobody had told me that real Americans 5 · I had studied English for years in São Paulo, 4 · When I landed in Newark that cold December, 3 · They hired me to teach their kids Portuguese, 1 · but the lessons went the other way. 2

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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