They Told Me to Break a Leg

English · B2

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · if + had done, would have done

Find it: __ / 3

1 · SEE IT

I expected "good luck," and if that's what he'd said,

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. I would have thanked the man.
2. I wouldn't have stood there, as pale as a ghost.
3. I'm the one who takes them aside before the very first song,
4. I would have smiled and thanked him, but instead

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ I had been in Kentucky for barely a month
- ☐ but nobody had explained what's usually said backstage.
- ☐ Nobody had warned me what folks say here before a show.
- ☐ I'd practiced every tune until my fingers were sore,
- ☐ when our little band was asked to play the county fair.

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use I'd.

1. If _____ known it meant good luck,

Sing it together

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

My score ☐ **/ 9**

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

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Grammar · Find it (3)

1 would 2 wouldn't 3 none 4 would

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

I had been in Kentucky for barely a month 2 · but nobody had explained what's usually said backstage. 5 · Nobody had warned me what folks say here before a show. 1 · I'd practiced every tune until my fingers were sore, 4 · when our little band was asked to play the county fair. 3

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 I'd

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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