If Grandma Hadn't Caught That Train

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English · B2

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · If + hadn't (if something hadn't happened)

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

If Grandma hadn't caught that train,

2 · LEARN IT

if I hadn't taken	but I did take	**if she hadn't worked**	but she did work
if they hadn't crossed	but they did cross	**I would never have been born**	but I was born
none of us would be here	but we are here	**I'd still be sitting**	but I'm not

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of if + hadn't (if something hadn't happened). One line has none.

1. And tonight she's dancing harder than the grandkids on the floor.
2. Nobody knows what would have happened if she'd stayed down south,
3. None of us would be here today.

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ Her mother had begged her to wait another summer,
- ☐ Grandma's turning ninety, so everybody make some noise!
- ☐ Yo, it's Malcolm, and the whole family's in the house tonight!
- ☐ She was only eighteen when she packed a single suitcase
- ☐ And left a tiny town in Mississippi far behind.

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use would.

1. And none of us _____ be dancing in this room tonight.

Sing it together

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

My score ____ / 8

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Grammar · Find it (2)

1 none 2 would 3 would

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

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4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 would

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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