

3 Use the information to make an impossible past conditional sentence, beginning as shown. It is not necessary to use all the information.

a The Trojans saw the wooden horse, and decided to take it into Troy. Once it was

inside the walls, the Greeks hidden inside the horse came out, opened the gates, and the

Greek army captured Troy.

If the Trojans hadn't taken the wooden horse into Troy, the Greeks would not

have captured the city.

b In September 490 BC, an army from Athens and Plataea met the Persian army of Darius I

on the Greek coast at Marathon, about 35 km from Athens. It seemed that nothing could

stop Darius conquering Greece. However, the Greek army won a total victory, and the

Persian army went home.

If the Greeks

Darius and his army

c On 10 January 49 BC, Julius Caesar crossed the River Rubicon on the border of Italy with his

army. This led to civil war which Caesar won, and so became leader of the Roman state.

If Julius Caesar

he

d In 1469, Isabella of Castile married Ferdinand of Aragon. Their marriage

combined the two kingdoms and created the kingdom

of Spain, which soon became one of the most powerful countries in Europe.

If Isabella

e In September 1066, Duke William of Normandy sailed with an army to England. He believed that he, and not Harold, was the

rightful king. Harold marched to meet William but his army was tired after fighting a battle

in the north against the Vikings. William won the battle that followed, and became king of England.

If Harold's army

William



Isabella of Castile

4 Complete the wish-sentence with the verb in brackets.

a What on earth is the answer to this problem! (know) I wish I knew the answer to this problem.

b Unfortunately, I haven't got a calculator. (have) I

c The trouble is, I don't really understand the problem. (understand) I

d And my teacher never explains things to me. (explain)

e I think I'd prefer to be in a different class. (be)

f In fact, I'd rather do French instead. (do)

g I love France - it would be great to live there! (live)

h But at the moment I have to my homework! (have to do)

5 Complete the wish-sentence with the information provided.

a Juliet: 'Considering what happened later, meeting Romeo was a mistake; I wish I hadn't met him!'

b Christopher Columbus: 'Sailing to America was a mistake, perhaps, and it would have been better to stay at home!'

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Perhaps it would have been better to stay there, and not come home to Italy; I wish

d Marco Polo: 'It was great being in China. I

go to a wizard school was a mistake!'

c Harry Potter: 'Learning to be a wizard has turned out to be rather dangerous. Deciding to

school i



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