

The Result from each Rhetorica lesson:

A complete e-Lesson Log

Students click on each topic to the right to reveal their personal speaking errors and corrections.

The Lesson Log supplements the mistakes with grammar details, a simple explanation as to why this is an error and practical tips to avoid the mistake in the future.

The Lesson Log represents a 'second lesson' each week as students read and process their personal speaking errors yet again.

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Correction on click

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## Meeting | Group BOSTON | 31 Jul 2017

Attendance : Out Of Office

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Key Info Example Basic Formula Careful

**Conditional 3** is the killer! Use Conditional 3 for **past hypothetical** or **imaginary** situations.

► Use the **Past Perfect** ('had' + past participle e.g. 'had worked', 'had spoken' etc.) form of the verb in the 'if-section' (the condition), use '**would have**' + **past participle** in the 'result-section' (e.g. 'would have gone', 'would have stayed', etc.)

► All verb tenses must be in the past. →

• 'would have' + past participle: e.g. 'would have seen', 'would have been', 'would have had' = the past form of 'would'

• 'had' + past participle: e.g. *had seen*, *had been*, *had had* (!) = the Past Perfect

- If she **had called** earlier, I **would have picked** her up.

- If you **had explained** it to your wife, I am sure she **would have understood**.

- If I **had driven**, I **would have been** late.

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grammar and usage tips  
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✗ "She went **to** her vacation."  
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✗ "I was **in** **holidays** last week."  
✓ "I was on **holiday** / **vacation** last week."

Key Info

Example

▶ to go/ be ON...'vacation' / holiday → time away from work

• US: We are going **on vacation** to Hawaii next week.  
UK: We are going **on holiday** to Hawaii next week.

• US: Where did you go **on vacation** last year?  
UK: Where did you go **on holiday** last year?

• US: It was the most wonderful **vacation** we have had in years!  
UK: It was the most wonderful **holiday** we have had in years!

• US: What is your favorite\* type of **vacation**? (US → 'favorite')  
UK: What is your favourite\* type of **holiday**? (UK → 'favourite')  
\* See the Tag on the menu to the upper left 'UK English / US English for more information

⚠ The preposition is always, always, always → **ON**

⚠ Do not use the plural form '...on **holidays**' → I have to go **on holiday**.

▶ a holiday / the holidays → a special, official day of public celebration

▶ Each country has a different set of **holidays**. The 3rd of October is a **holiday** in Germany, the 14th of July is a **holiday** in France and the 4th of July is a **holiday** in the US. Most Western European and North american countries have many **holidays** between the end of December and the beginning of January. Religion is the most common factor which decides which days are **holidays**.

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1) Board of Directors (noun)

2) breadwinner (noun)

3) brief (adjective)

4) consultant (noun)

5) convince (verb)

6) informed consent (expression) ('in-FORMD kn-SENT')

Definition: permission granted in full knowledge of the possible consequences, typically that which is given by a patient to a doctor for treatment with knowledge of the possible risks and benefits

Example: "Written informed consent must be obtained from each patient."

Topics: Hospitals, Surgery

Translation: (de) Einverständniserklärung, (fr) Consentement éclairé

7) on business (expression)

8) OTC medication (noun)

9) prescription medication (noun)

10) side effects (noun)

11) to suggest (verb)

12) to take into consideration

Open Single Word Section

Translation on demand

Add word to personal favorites list