

THEME 5 BACK TO THE PAST READING SKILL (YILDIRIM)

A. Read Emily's diary entry. What does she regret?

Dear Diary,

I feel so unhappy! I've failed again! We sat a maths exam this morning, but I couldn't solve most of the problems. Why do I generally fail? I can't achieve my goals. But why? Actually, I know the reason well. I just dream of becoming a successful person, but that's all. Now I regret that I never did what I had to.

Had I studied hard enough before I took the maths exam or the others? No! I wish I had. Did I prepare a study plan at the beginning of the term? Unfortunately, no! If only I had. Did I use to revise regularly? Again, no! I wish I had. If only I hadn't worked for my exams at the last minute. That was a big mistake. Besides, my parents have given me lots of advice. If only I had listened to them.

If I had set myself some specific goals, I would have been more motivated. If I had gained time management skills, I could have used my time wisely. And I could have enhanced my knowledge if I had learned how to learn. But that's enough! I promise I will reach my goals. First of all, I should learn how to use effective learning techniques. I'm determined to succeed. Tomorrow will be a new day for me.

B. Read the diary entry again and write True / False / No information

1. Emily could do well in the maths exam.
2. She feels sad because she usually fails her exams.
3. She also took the geography exam today.
4. Before she took the maths exam, she had studied hard.
5. She regrets not preparing a study plan at the beginning of the term.
6. Her parents' advice was about effective learning techniques.
7. She believes she will never reach her goals.

C. Answer the following questions according to the diary entry.

1. What would have happened if Emily had set herself some specific goals?
2. What could have happened if she had gained time management skills?
3. What could have happened if she had learned how to learn?

D. Read the e-mails and answer the questions. Who got upset? Why?

Dear Tracy,

I feel so sorry for what I said to you this afternoon. I know that made you upset. I deeply regret it now. Actually, I was feeling very bad at that moment. Until I met you in the garden, I had had a terrible day. Firstly, the school bus broke down on the way to school, so I had to walk for 5 kilometers. When I came to school, I was exhausted. Then I realized that I had forgotten my history project at home. That drove me crazy because although I had done the project, I couldn't hand it in on time, so I got a low mark. In addition, I fell down the stairs at break time and injured my back. After that, I went outside with great difficulty. My back was painful when you came and asked if I liked your new hairstyle. Unfortunately, I spoke to you very rudely and broke your heart. I'm very sorry. Please forgive me. I wish I hadn't lost my patience.

Love,

Gloria

Dear Gloria,

Thanks for your e-mail. When I read it, I felt really better. I didn't know you had had a terrible day before I saw you. If only you had told that to me. If I had known the truth, I wouldn't have felt blue. You had never been rude to me before, so I got shocked. That's all.

Why don't we do something fun together this weekend? Bye for now.

Love,

Tracy

E. Read the e-mails and complete the sentences.

1. If the school bus hadn't broken down on the way to school, Gloria _____
2. If Gloria hadn't forgotten her history project at home, _____
3. Gloria wouldn't have injured her back if _____
4. If Gloria's back hadn't been painful, _____
5. If Gloria hadn't lost her patience, _____
6. If Gloria hadn't sent the e-mail, Tracy _____

F. Complete the wishes according to the e-mails.

1. Gloria wishes _____.
2. Tracy wishes _____.

G. Answer the following questions.

1. What wouldn't Gloria have had to do if the school bus hadn't broken down?
2. What could she have done if she hadn't forgotten her project at home?
3. What wouldn't have happened if she hadn't fallen down the stairs?
4. What wouldn't she have done if her back hadn't been painful?

H. Choose the question which DOES NOT have an answer in the e-mails.

1. What had Tracy just done before she talked to Gloria?
2. How was Gloria feeling when she saw Tracy?
3. Had Gloria ever been rude to Tracy before that incident?
4. Did Tracy forgive Gloria after she had read her e-mail?