■ World English 3 – Unit 4

Grammar Focus: Third Conditional

(Talking about regrets, wishes, and how things could have been different)

■ Warm-up Discussion

1. If you had lived 65 million years ago, would you have survived the dinosaurs?
2. If you had studied something different at school, what would you have done now?
3. If people had taken care of the planet earlier, do you think some species wouldn't have gone extinct?
4. If you had met your best friend earlier, what would have been different in your life?
5. If you had had a chance to change one decision in your life, what would you have done differently?

■ Marker Sentences

• If humans had been alive at that time, they would have felt terror.

• If scientists had acted earlier, maybe some species wouldn't have gone extinct.

• If people had cared more about nature, the environment would have been cleaner.

■ Grammar Focus

Form: If + had + past participle, would have + past participle

Examples:

– If humans had been alive, they would have felt terror.

– If I had known about the test, I would have studied harder.

Use: To talk about imaginary or impossible past situations — things that didn't happen and their possible results.

■ CCQs (Concept Checking Questions)

1. In "If humans had been alive, they would have felt terror," were humans alive?
2. Did they feel terror, or are we imagining it?
3. Are we talking about the past, present, or future?
4. Can we use this form to talk about something that might still happen?
5. What two verb forms do we use in a third conditional sentence?

■ Short Practice

A. Complete the sentences:

1. If dinosaurs had survived, they _____ (rule) the Earth.

2. If scientists hadn’t found fossils, we _____ (not / know) about extinct species.

3. If I had lived in that time, I _____ (be) afraid.

4. If humans had protected nature earlier, many animals _____ (still / exist).

B. Personal Practice

Write one sentence about:

1. A regret (something you wish you had done differently).

2. A wish about history (something that could have changed the world).

Example:

– If I had studied biology, I would have become a scientist.

– If people had used less plastic, the oceans would have been cleaner.