English Modal Verbs: “Would”

Present/Future	Past
would + infinitive	**would have + past participle**
I would go to the meeting, but I don’t have time. I would speak Portuguese, but I want to practise English. It would take a long time, if you went by bus.	I would have gone to the meeting, but I was in Chicago. We would have spoken Portuguese, but we wanted to practise English. It would have taken a long time, if you had gone by bus.

Exercise: Translate the following sentences:

1. Eu comeria com você, mas eu já comi.

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2. Eu teria comido no hotel, mas estava sem fome.

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3. Ele viria se Maria viesse também.

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4. Ele teria vindo se Maria tivesse vindo também.

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5. Terminaríamos o projeto rapidamente se tivéssemos mais pessoas.

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6. Teríamos terminado o projeto rapidamente se tivéssemos mais pessoas.

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What would you do ..... ?

….. if your niece washed your laptop because it was dirty?

….. if you witnessed a murder in the street?

….. if you lost your wallet on a bus?

….. if you saw someone steal something from a store?

….. if you swallowed a spider?

….. if you couldn’t find your car in a car park?

….. if you found a thousand dollars in the street?

….. if your car broke down on a deserted highway at night?

….. if somebody entered the line in front of you, in a restaurant?

(also: videos)

Would you ever ..... ?

….. do a bungee jump?

….. eat an insect?

….. lie to your boss?

….. slap someone for something they said?

….. drink spoiled milk?

….. give money to a beggar in another country?

….. donate blood?

….. complain in a restaurant?

….. give your life to save another person?

Would you rather ..... ? (see YouTube videos)