

4 Feedback

- ▶ modals + have + past participle
- ▶ third conditional
- ▶ used to; be/get used to

Refresh your memory

Past modals

Use modal + have + past participle.

We *would have hired* him but he moved abroad.

For past regrets, use *should/ought to/could + have + past participle*.
I *could have studied* another language at school, but I wasn't interested then.

For past speculation, use *may/might/could/must + have + past participle*.
You *must have left* the door unlocked when you went out.

Third conditional

Use *If + past perfect* in the condition. Use *would have + past participle* in the result.
If we *had spent* more on marketing, we *would have sold* more units.

Past state or habit

used to + infinitive
We *used to work* in a smaller office.

Familiarity with a strange or difficult situation

be/get used to + verb + -ing/noun/pronoun
We're *getting used to* the new management team.

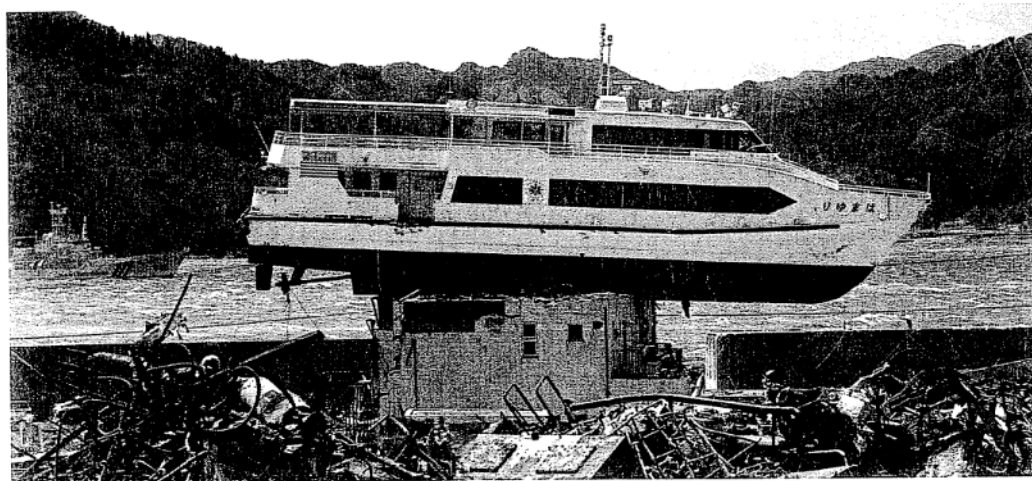
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4.3 Grammar Regrets, speculation and habits

Past modals

1 Work with a partner. Speculate about what happened in the photo and where it was taken. Then change partners and exchange your ideas.

There might have been a tornado.
The photo could have been taken in the USA.



Regrets and third conditionals

2 With a partner, read the Fukushima Facts below. Say how the Fukushima nuclear accident, which resulted from a tsunami, could have been avoided or its impact reduced. Take turns to suggest what they *should/ought to/could have done* (A) and react using the third conditional (B), as in the example.

A: *They shouldn't have built the power plant on the coast.*

B: *Yes, if they'd built it inland, it wouldn't/might not have been damaged.*

Fukushima Facts

- ▲ The Fukushima power plant was built on the coast.
- ▲ It was built in a seismic area.
- ▲ The tsunami wave was 14 metres high.
- ▲ The plant was designed to resist a wave of 5.7 metres high.
- ▲ 80,000 people living in a 20 km radius of the plant were evacuated.
- ▲ TEPCO, the plant's operator, ignored the findings of a tsunami study in 2008.
- ▲ The plant's electricity supply was completely cut off as emergency generators were destroyed by the tsunami.
- ▲ Without electricity, it was impossible to pump cooling water to cool the reactors.

Used to, be used to and get used to

3 In small groups, brainstorm the situation before and after the Fukushima disaster. Think about:

- how things used to be
- how things are now
- what people are used to/are not used to
- what people have had to get used to.

Use the topics in the box to help you. When you've finished, report your ideas to the class.

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I think many people used to work in businesses near the plant. A lot of businesses are probably still not up and running yet. I don't think these people are used to their new lives yet. They've probably had to get used to working elsewhere.