

Titanic sucks. If sentences, too !

Poor communications helped create a terrible disaster at sea in 1912: the *Titanic*, the world's largest ship, hit an iceberg on its first trip across the Atlantic.

Turn the statements into sentences using if-clauses (type 3). Instead of **would (not) have**, you can also use **might (not) have** or **could (not) have**.

**Example** People did not realize the importance of radio. The *Titanic's* radio operators had no direct contact with the ship's officers.

⇒ If people had realized the importance of radio, the *Titanic's* radio operators **would/might have had** direct contact with the ship's officers.

- 1 The captain wanted to break the transatlantic speed record. He decided to sail as fast as possible.
- 2 Radio warnings from other ships did not reach him. He continued at top speed.



- 3 The lookouts did not see the iceberg soon enough. The ship did not have time to turn away.
- 4 The ice cut a long hole in her side. It was impossible for the ship to survive.
- 5 The captain of the *Californian*, 30 kilometres away, did not hear about the *Titanic's* radio calls for help. His radio operator was asleep.
- 6 The *Californian* did not try to reach the *Titanic*. She wasn't able to help save the 1,500 people in the water.
- 7 The *Titanic* did not have enough lifeboats. Many passengers died in the freezing water.
- 8 The *Carpathian*, 80 kilometres away, heard the *Titanic's* radio calls and came to the rescue. The 700 people in the lifeboats did not die like the people in the water.

1.

If the captain hadn't wanted to break the transatlantic speed record, he wouldn't have decided to sail as fast as possible.

2.

If the radio warnings had reached him, he would not have continued at top speed.

3.

If the lookouts had seen the the iceberg soon enough, the ship would have had time to turn away.

4.

If the ice hadn't cut a long hole in her side, it would have been possible for the ship to survive.

5.

If his radio operator hadn't bee asleep, the captain of the *Californian*, 30 kilometres away, would have heard about the *Titanic's* radio calls for help.

6.

If the *California* had tried to reach the *Titanic*, she would have been able to help save the 1500 people in the water.

7.

If the *Titanic* had had enough lifeboats, many passengers wouldn't died in the freezing water.

8.

The *Carpathian*, 80 kilometres away, hadn't heard the *Titanic's* radio calls and came to the rescue, the 700 people in the lifeboats would have died like the people in the water.