Third Conditional

A Complete the sentences with the verb in brackets.

1 If I ....*had known*.... (know) the answer, I ....*would have told*.... (tell) you.

2 If we .... (not pollute) the air during the last 50 years, we
.... (not have to) ban cars from the city centre.

3 If Jim .... (wear) a helmet, he .... (not hurt) himself so badly.

4 The accident .... (not happen) if they .... (take) my advice.

5 If Janet .... (not take care) of the bird, it .... (die).

B Complete the sentences. Use the Third Conditional.

1 We lost the competition because we left early.
If we hadn't left early, we would have won / wouldn't have lost the competition.

2 He went too fast on his motorbike and had an accident.
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3 She ate the pasta and felt ill.
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4 We didn't do our homework and had to stay late at school.
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5 I stayed at home yesterday and missed the party.
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6 I failed my exam because I didn't study for it.
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C Choose the sentence which is nearest in meaning to the original.

1 Fran would have done better at French if she had worked harder.
  a Fran failed at French.
  b Fran usually works hard at French.
  c More effort would have improved Fran's French.

2 If the plane hadn't been delayed by bad weather, we wouldn't have been late.
  a The weather made us late.
  b The bad weather did not interfere with the plane's arrival.
  c We were not late although the weather was bad.

3 Mary would have passed the exam even if I hadn't helped her.
  a Mary failed because no one helped her.
  b Without my help, Mary would not have passed.
  c Mary didn't really need any help at all.

Third Conditional – *Answers*

A 1 had known, would have told
2 hadn't polluted, wouldn't have had to
3 had worn, wouldn't have hurt
4 wouldn't have happened, had taken
5 hadn't taken care, would have died

B 1 If we hadn't left early, we would have won / wouldn't have lost the competition.
2 If he hadn't gone too fast on his motorbike, he wouldn't have had an accident.
3 If she hadn't eaten the pasta, she wouldn't have felt ill.
4 If we had done our homework, we wouldn't have had to stay late at school.
5 If I hadn't stayed at home yesterday, I wouldn't have missed the party.
6 If I had studied for my exam, I wouldn't have failed it.

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