

# Lesson 123

## Not there yet

### 1. Past modals—*would have* + past participle

*I would have done it differently.* (see grammar section)

<b>beside</b>	<b>brief</b>	<b>bush</b>	<b>fox</b>	<b>illusion</b>	<b>keep up with</b>	<b>leash</b>	<b>spot</b>
obok	krótki	krzew	lis	iluzja	nadążać za	smycz	dostrzec
<b>in the distance</b> —w oddali							

123.01 ► **Lee** My dog has gone missing! Maybe, you have seen it? It's a young Labrador. Reacts to the name Oscar. On Tuesday, I took Oscar for a walk in the woods like I always do. He's a young dog but has never caused any trouble, so when we entered the woods, I let him off the leash. We were in the middle of the forest with Oscar walking beside me on a narrow path when, suddenly, he spotted a fox. The animal was very close, about 30 or 40 yards ahead; it was crossing our path. When Oscar saw the fox, he immediately ran after it. I called to Oscar to come back, but he wouldn't listen. I started running too, but I couldn't keep up, and I soon lost sight of him. I kept walking and calling, but Oscar was nowhere to be found. For a brief moment, I thought I saw him in the distance; I came closer to where I thought he was, but he wasn't there. It was only a bush with brown leaves that moved in the wind, which looked like Oscar from afar. It was just an illusion. Oscar got lost, and I couldn't find him. He's been missing for three days now. I'm worried sick. Poor creature. If I could only turn back time, I wouldn't have let him run freely. I would have kept him on the leash the whole time. We would have had a nice walk, and we would have come back home like we always did.

*What happened when Lee went for walk with his dog?*

#### Correct Lee's words.

*My cat has gone missing.*

*Oscar never caused any trouble, so I kept him on the leash.*

*We were at the edge of the forest when Oscar spotted a fox.*

*The fox crossed our path about 30 or 40 yards behind us.*

*The dog ran after the fox, and I called to Oscar to go get it.*

*I couldn't keep up with the dog, but I never lost sight of him.*

*For a brief moment, I thought I saw him, and I was right.*

*A bush was moving in the wind, and it looked like a fox.*

**If Lee could turn back time, what would he have done differently, and what would have happened? Use the prompts below and create sentences.**

he keep the dog on the leash *He would have kept the dog on the leash.*

he not let the dog run freely /he be more  
careful \_\_\_\_\_

they come back home as always  
/everything end well \_\_\_\_\_

## 2.

**share – udostępnić****buddy**  
kumpel**disappointment**  
rozczarowanie**distribute**  
roznosić**flyer**  
ulotka**image**  
obraz**lovely**  
śliczny**various**  
różne

123.02 ► **Ian** My buddy Lee has lost his dog. Oscar escaped while Lee was walking with him in the forest. Of course, Lee is trying to find his lovely Labrador. He posted flyers around the neighborhood with the dog's image. He said he'd printed out 50 of these flyers and distributed them to various places like stores, hair salons, schools, and kindergartens. Still, it's been eight days now, and no one has seen the dog. It must be a real disappointment for Lee because he strongly believed in those flyers. But there are more ways to look for a dog than just posting images. I mean I would have posted an ad on social media. There are local groups for missing pets that have hundreds of members. I would have joined a group like that, and a lot of people would have seen my ad. Oh, and those people like to share these kinds of posts. Thanks to that, even more people would have known about the dog. I believe Oscar would have been found by now. Lee should consider joining those groups.

*How is Lee trying to find his dog?*

*How many flyers did he print out and where did he distribute them?*

*Did he find the dog after he had distributed the flyers?*

*What would Ian have done? What would have happened by now?*

## 3.

**forest ranger – leśniczy****beloved**  
ukochany**dig**  
kopać**master**  
pan**rescue**  
uratować**surround**  
otaczać**tongue**  
język**trapped**  
uwięziony

123.03 ► **Lee** You won't believe it when I tell you. My dog has been found! The forest ranger, Mr. Walker, found him in the backyard of his house. The ranger hadn't seen my flyer, so he took Oscar to the animal shelter, where they recognized my dog and immediately contacted me. You can imagine how overjoyed I was when we were reunited. Oscar was very happy too—he ran up to me with his tongue out and jumped on me like crazy, barking happily and licking my face. The woman from the shelter gave me the ranger's number, and I called to thank him. Mr. Walker told me over the phone how he found Oscar. When he saw the dog in the yard, Oscar was digging a hole in the ground by the back fence. He probably felt trapped and was trying to get out underneath the fence. Mr. Walker said his yard was surrounded by a fence on all sides, and he had no idea how Oscar had gotten in. Probably, he ran in while the front gate was open, and no one noticed. The ranger said the dog looked scared and hungry but wasn't afraid of him. Thank God, Mr. Walker rescued my beloved pet. What a relief.

*Where did the ranger find the dog?*

*Why did he bring the dog to the animal shelter?*

*What was the dog doing when the ranger saw it?*

*Why was Oscar digging in the ground?*

*What is the ranger's house surrounded by?*

*How did the dog probably get in?*

*How did Oscar react when he was reunited with his master?*

#### 4. SPEAKING

**anger**—złość

**failure**—niepowodzenie

**turn out**—okazać się

### I Wouldn't Have Done It

Think about things you did in the past or recently that you would have done differently. Consider the items on the list below or create your own.

- 1) *Something you did incorrectly at work*
- 2) *Something you bought and regretted buying*
- 3) *The vacation you went on that turned out to be a mistake*
- 4) *Injury or health problem you had because you weren't careful*
- 5) *Things you forgot about that caused problems*
- 6) *A repair job you did incorrectly or a housework or garden job failure*
- 7) *Driving mistake*
- 8) *Saying things in anger that you later regretted*

**Work in pairs.** Discuss your mistakes in detail. What did you do wrong in each case? What would you have done differently, knowing what you realized or discovered later?

#### 5.

**assume**  
zakładać

**bond**  
więź

**make time**  
wygospodarować czas

**provide**  
dostarczać

**stimulation**  
stymulacja

**well-being**  
dobro

### How to Walk Your Dog

Most dogs love going for walks. It lets them get out of the house with their beloved owners and explore the world around them. Walks are also a great way for the two of you to develop a deeper bond, and they provide necessary exercise and stimulation for your dog. If your dog seems bored or is behaving badly, it's possible that they're not getting out enough. Consider taking your dog for a walk at least once a day. Getting ready to go for a walk is a simple matter. The hardest part may be finding the time to do it! When you're busy with work, family, and everything else, the day can quickly get away from you. However, a walk is very important for your dog's health and well-being (not to mention your own), so do your best to make time for it daily.

**How to start** First, you will need to choose an appropriate leash for your dog. It should be comfortable for both you and your dog, easy to handle, and not too long; four to six feet is ideal. Your dog should walk at your side. They should not be walking more than a few feet ahead of you because you will not have control if your pet sees something exciting.

**Control your dog** To make the walks enjoyable and safe, you must control your dog at all times. Keep your dog close to you when you are around other dogs or people by keeping a short leash. Don't assume other people or dogs want to meet your dog, and always ask before you let your dog greet others. Your dog should be trained on how to properly meet other dogs and people (especially children). If they're not there yet, kindly tell people who try to approach your dog that they shouldn't. It's not rude and for their own safety.

*Why is walking the dog important? Based on the article, name three reasons.  
Consider the following words: explore, bond, and stimulation.*

*What kind of leash should we choose for the dog?*

**Correct the information.**

*Walking the dog once a week is important for the well-being of the animal.*

*Television is the best way for your dog to explore the world around them.*

*An ideal leash should be difficult to handle and very long.*

*You should assume other people want to meet your dog.*

*The dog should ideally walk a few inches ahead of you.*

**6.**

**asphalt**  
asfalt

**garbage can**  
kubel na śmieci

**loose**  
luźny

**paw**  
łapa

**poop**  
kupa

**route**  
trasa

**sniff**  
wąchać

**trace**  
ślad

You can make walks less stressful by training loose-leash walking as well. This will let your dog have plenty of opportunities to sniff around. After all, your dog's nose is the main way it explores its world. Consider training your dog to stop and sit at intersections, especially in the city. It's for their and your safety. It's also rude to let your dog walk into private yards. Keep your dog on the street side of the sidewalk whenever possible.

**Clean up** Part of being a responsible dog owner is leaving no trace after you, which means you should always pick up after your dog. Rather than leaving poop around the neighborhood, carry poop bags with you to clean up. Drop the filled bags in a public garbage can along your walk route or wait until you get home and throw them out.

**Weather** Avoid asphalt on hot summer days because the road can burn your dog's paws. If it's too hot for your feet, it's also too hot for your dog. On these days, consider a walk in a grassy park instead, and be sure to take some water with you.

**Have a good time** Finally, be prepared to have fun! You should not see walking as a chore but as a pleasant experience to share with your dog. Show your dog you're happy about getting some exercise, and your dog will be more excited to go, too.

*Why is loose-leash walking good for your dog?*

*What should we remember about walking the dog on hot days and why?*

*What does the author mean by "leaving no trace"?*

*What can we do with the filled bag?*

**Correct the information.**

*The main way the dog explores the world is by using its tongue.*

*Avoid asphalt on hot days as the road can burn your dog's nose.*

*Treat your walk as a chore, not as a pleasant experience.*

*Carry a jar with you to pick up after your dog.*

*Drop the filled bags in someone's private garbage can.*