 Unit 1 - Lesson 3

 They treat me as if I were their own son.

1. Carlos from Mexico is doing homestay with an Australian family. Read his email to his younger brother, Carlito, then answer the questions.

Carlito, I’m having a really great time here in Australia. My host parents treat me as if I were their own son. And my host sisters are very friendly. Last week, we rode an interesting train. Our legs were hanging out the window. Tomorrow, we’re going to see a laser show. I’m really excited. Australia is so much fun. If it weren’t for school starting soon, I would stay here for another month. Your big brother, Carlos

1. How do Carlos’ host parents treat him?

They treat him like he was their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. When will Carlos’ school in Mexico start?

It will start \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. If Carlos didn’t have to worry about school, what would he do?

He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Australia \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**as if/though を使った仮定法**

**G-1A** My host parents treat me **as if/though** I *were* their own son. *(now)*

**G-1B** Jim felt **as if**/**though** he **had been** *hit* by a bus. *(at that time)*

as if/though の後に続く内容は、実際の事実とは異なります。

(Carlos is not the host parents’ own son. / Jim didn’t get hit by a car.)

**仮定法を使った慣用表現**

**G-2A If it weren’t for** school starting soon, I **would** *stay* here for another month. *(now)*

**G-2B If it hadn’t been for** bad weather, the picnic **would** *have been* fun. *(at that time)*

If it weren’t for / If it hadn’t been for の後に続く内容もまた、実際の事実とは異なります。 (Carlos won’t stay in Australia for another month. The picnic wasn’t fun.)

2. Read each conversation and fill the blanks using G-1A - G-2B from the previous page. Also, underline the correct choice in the parentheses.

A. Do you want to get married someday?

B. I’m not sure. Sometimes, when I hear my father talking to my mother, I feel like I don’t want to get married.

C. What do you mean?

D. Well, he talks to her \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ he (is / were) her boss.

C. Did you see Tina yesterday?

D. Yes. She looked \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ she (didn’t sleep / hadn’t slept) for a week.

What happened to her?

C. I’m not sure. Maybe she was sick.

E. Hi Tamae, can you go out with us tonight?

F. I wish I could, but my parents are angry with me because I came home late last night. They won’t let me go anywhere today.

E. That’s too bad. We’re going to see a movie.

F. \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ my strict parents, I (would / will) go with you.

G. Thanks for taking me to the beach last night.

H. It was my pleasure. But it’s too bad that it was cloudy.

\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ the clouds,

we (could see / could have seen) hundreds of stars in the sky.

3. Change the words in parentheses and write your own original sentences. You can also change other parts. Share in pairs or groups.

1. (My mother) treats me as if I were (a child).

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2. When I (failed the test), I felt as though I had (been hit by a bus).

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3. If it weren’t for (Taylor Swift), I wouldn’t be interested in (country music).

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4. If it hadn’t been for (Ichiro), I wouldn’t have come to (like baseball).

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