
Reality and Unreality

**There are two kinds of Reality in English. Reality and Past Reality.
There are two kinds of Unreality. Unreality and Past Unreality.**

Task 1. Look at these examples. Decide if they are Real or Unreal, Past Real or Past Unreal.

1. If only I had known! *Eg Past Unreal. I didn't know.*
2. I lived in Canterbury for 3 years.
3. If I were you, I'd marry her like a shot. She's fantastic.
4. I wish I hadn't drunk so much last night. I have a hangover from hell.
5. It's time we were going I'm afraid. It's been a lovely evening.
6. If we didn't have antibiotics life would be much rougher for most people.
7. I've never been to America and I don't think I'll ever go.
8. Will you marry me?
9. There's a thunderstorm brewing – we could do with some rain – it's far too hot.
10. If I had a million, I wouldn't know what to do with it.
11. I wish he'd give up smoking.
12. In the early hours of July 24th, snoozing tourists awaiting their flights at Sri Lanka's only international airport, just outside Columbo, awoke to the sound of gunfire.
13. Devolution in England is going nowhere fast.
14. English devolution would make Britain's constitution neat.
15. Poland's president, Alexander Kwasniewski, is the key figure in selling his country to

the European Union and the EU to the Poles.

Task 2. Which verb form? Complete the table below.

<u>Real</u>	<u>Past Real</u>
<u>Unreal</u>	<u>Past Unreal</u>

Key

1. If only I had known! *Eg Past Unreal. I didn't know.*
2. I lived in Canterbury for 3 years. *Past real*
3. If I were you, I'd marry her like a shot. She's fantastic.
Unreal *Real*
4. I wish I hadn't drunk so much last night. I have a hangover from hell.
Past unreal. *Real*
5. It's time we were going I'm afraid. It's been a lovely evening.
Unreal *Real*
6. If we didn't have antibiotics life would be much rougher for most people. *Unreal*
7. I've never been to America and I don't think I'll ever go. *Real*
8. Will you marry me? *Real*
9. There's a thunderstorm brewing – we could do with some rain – it's far too hot. *Real*
10. If I had a million, I wouldn't know what to do with it. *Unreal*
11. I wish he'd give up smoking. *Unreal*
12. In the early hours of July 24th, snoozing tourists awaiting their flights at Sri Lanka's only international airport, just outside Columbo, awoke to the sound of gunfire.
Past Real
13. Devolution in England is going nowhere fast. *Real*
14. English devolution would make Britain's constitution neat. *Unreal*
15. Poland's president, Alexander Kwasniewski, is the key figure in selling his country to
the European Union and the EU to the Poles. *Real*

Task 2. Which verb form? Complete the table below.

<p><u>Real</u></p> <p>Present Perfect Will Present Simple Present Continuous</p>	<p><u>Past Real</u></p> <p>Simple Past</p>
<p><u>Unreal</u></p> <p>Simple Past Past Continuous would</p>	<p><u>Past Unreal</u></p> <p>Past Perfect</p>