

IF-TENSES AND REPORTED SPEECH

Task #24

*EACH PERSON IN YOUR GROUP SHOULD DO THIS TASK INDIVIDUALLY.*

1. Make up a one-paragraph story that suits this situation:  
Recently a wise person told you to do something. You didn't know why you should do that thing, so you asked the person about it. The person gave you a good reason, but you ignored it and did not do the thing you were told to do. Later on you regretted not having listened.  
Tell the story in reported speech -- that is, do not use any quotation marks. Finish the story with a sentence that starts with the word If.
2. Read your story to the group to see if you all agree that everything is in the past tense and follows the patterns of reported speech and if-tenses that we have studied.