

## Had I known

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**High Intermediate English - Sound Grammar**

B2 Lesson 24 Conversation 2



**Part 1:** Listen to the conversation and answer the questions.

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| b | It's moving quickly                      | b | Taken the train                     | b | The worst              |

**Part 2:** Complete the blanks with the words in the column to the right.

|                                                                                        |   |                |
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| <b>Man:</b> The _____ is so slow.                                                      | 1 | <b>crossed</b> |
| <b>Woman:</b> Yeah, I know. We're _____ to be late for the game.                       | 2 | <b>going</b>   |
| <b>Man:</b> Yeah. Had I _____ it was going to be this bad, I would've _____ the train. | 3 | <b>taken</b>   |
| <b>Woman:</b> I know. It would've _____ much faster.                                   | 4 | <b>for</b>     |
| <b>Man:</b> Oh well, nothing we can do now but hope _____ the best.                    | 5 | <b>traffic</b> |
| <b>Woman:</b> Yeah, fingers _____.                                                     | 6 | <b>known</b>   |
|                                                                                        | 7 | <b>been</b>    |

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