

Ballad of Lucy Jordan (Marianne Faithfull)

The mornin' sun touched lightly on the eyes of Lucy Jordan
In her white suburban bedroom, in a white suburban town
As she laid there 'neath the covers, dreaming of a thousand lovers
'Til the world turned to orange and the room went spinnin' round

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In a sports car, with the warm wind in her hair
And she let the phone keep ringin' as she sat there softly singin'
Pretty nursery rhymes she'd memorized in her daddy's easy chair

Her husband, he was off to work, and the kids were off to school
And there were oh so many ways for her to spend her day
She could clean the house for hours, or rearrange the flowers
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The evening sun touched gently on the eyes of Lucy Jordan
On the rooftop where she'd climbed when all the laughter grew too loud
And she bowed and curtseyed to the man, who reached and offered her his
Hand. And led her down to the long white car that waited past the crowd

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to touch	berühren
to memorize	Sich einprägen
suburban	vorstädtisch
'neath / beneath	unter(halb)
the cover	Decke
'til /until	bis
to spin	sich drehen
nursery	Tagesstätte/ Kinderzimmer
shady	schattig/ zweifelhaft
the rooftop	Dachspitze
to rearrange	umstellen
to bow	sich vorbeugen
to curtsey	einen Knicks machen

Listen twice and decide in your group if the statements are true (t) or false (f) . After 10 minutes each member of your group has to be able to answer questions.

- + Lucy wanted to ride in a sports car through Paris.**
- + Lucy was singing pretty nursery rhymes in her bedroom.**
- + She memorized pretty nursery rhymes.**
- + Her husband was at home with her.**
- + Her children were at school.**
- + Lucy liked to clean the rooms and to rearrange the flowers.**
- + She had climbed up the rooftop.**
- + Lucy led her down to the car.**

Where did she live?

What did she want to do?

Why did she climb up the rooftop?

What did she see after jumping of the rooftop?

LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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Bring together the English and German parts. English parts on the left and German parts on the right.

Die Geschichte über Lucy Jordan

*Sie saß in einem weißen Vorstadtschlafzimmer, in einem weißen Vorstadtkaff,
und schaute geradewegs in die Sonne. Lucy Jordan.*

*Da saß sie unter ihrer Decke und träumte
von den tausenden Liebhabern, die sie nie haben würde,
träumte, bis sich die Welt rot einfärbte und ihr Zimmer sich zu drehen begann.*

*Ihr Mann war arbeiten gegangen, die Kinder zur Schule,
und es gab wie immer die gleichen Möglichkeiten, den Tag rumzukriegen:
Stundenlang das Haus putzen, oder die Blumen neu arrangieren,
oder nackt durch die Stadt rennen und brüllen.*

*Sie war 37, als ihr klar wurde, dass sie niemals mit einem Sportwagen
durch Paris fahren würde, die Haare offen und im Wind.
Sie ließ das Telefon klingeln, saß im Lehnstuhl, den sie von ihrem Vater geerbt hatte
und summte vor sich hin. Kinderlieder. Bis es Abend wurde.*

*Da saß Lucy Jordan immer noch da und schaute in die Sonne.
Nur dass sie jetzt auf dem Dach saß, ganz vorne an der Kante.
Da war sie hin geflohen, weg von den Stimmen und dem Gelächter in ihrem Kopf.
Dann ist sie aufgestanden, hat einen Knicks gemacht und hat diesen einen Schritt nach
vorne gemacht.*

*Das letzte, was Lucy Jordan gesehen hat, war dieser Mann.
Stand neben seiner weißen Limousine und hielt den Schlag auf.
Und sie ist zu ihm hingegangen, mitten durch die Menge durch.
Sie war 37.*

GRAMMAR

Sie begriff, dass sie

she realized **she'd** never **ride** through Paris

↓
..she **would** never ride...

...niemals durch Paris fahren würde.

**Conditional I Simple/ Past tense of
will**

-Used to express desire or intent: **She said she would meet us at the corner.**

-Used after a statement of desire, request, or advice: **I wish you would stay.**

subject + would + main verb

The main verb is always the bare infinitive (infinitive without "to").

i.e. SHE WOULD NEVER SEE LONDON.

“Sie würde London nie sehen.”

	subject	auxiliary verb	main verb	
+	She	would	like	tea.
		'd		
-	She	would not	like	whisky.
		wouldn't		
?	Would	she	like	coffee?

Notice that:

Would is never conjugated. It is always **would** or **'d** (short form).

Merke: Die Kurzform "d" ist identisch mit der Kurzform "d" bei „had“. Du kannst sie nur auf folgende Art unterscheiden, ob *would* oder *had* gemeint ist:

Nach **would** kommt 1. Verbform: I'd **see...**

Nach **had** folgt 3. Verbform: I'd **seen...**

A long tour **would be** terrible.

She never **would go** to Swansea.

Translate:

Er würde in den Zoo gehen. _____

Sie würden nie die U-Bahn nehmen. _____

Sue und Ann würden das Haus sofort verlassen. _____

Ellen würde sich ein neues Auto kaufen. _____

Peter würde nächste Woche nach New York fliegen. _____

Ein warmes Essen wäre schön. _____

Doro würde jeden Samstag in die Disco gehen. _____

Sie würde sofort die Koffer packen. _____

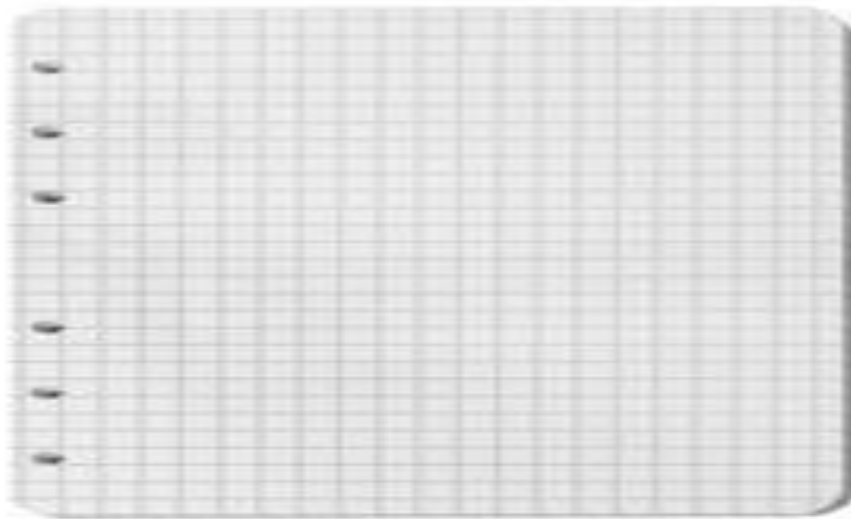
Die beiden Kinder würden spielen. _____

Meine Eltern würden sonntags in den Club gehen. _____

In Everton würden sie ihren Freund treffen. _____

READING COMPREHENSION/ SPEAKING/ WRITING

- ✚ **Read** the story about Lucy Jordan for yourself.
- ✚ **Underline** all words or expressions you don't know.
- ✚ Work with your dictionary and check the unknown words.
- ✚ Try to **tell your partner** the story about Lucy Jordan in your own words.
- ✚ Think about 5 questions you can answer with help of the ballad.
- ✚ **Write** down your questions on a paper.



- ✚ Exchange your paper for your partner's paper and try to ask his questions on the paper.



- ✚ Exchange your papers and check the answers for mistakes.
- ✚ Try to **write** a short mail to a friend in the States and tell him what you know about Lucy Jordan and her life in the suburban town.