

New Internationalist
The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice

Protests

New Internationalist Easier English
Intermediate Ready Lesson

Lesson plan:

Vocabulary

Speaking

Reading

Grammar

Writing

Homework / extension

First, we need **words** – in groups,
list as many words/phrases as
possible for:

a) How people can protest

eg. hunger strike

b) How other people can
respond to protests

eg. force-feeding

Protests in the last year: where/why?



Read/think: who? how? why?

Turkey:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Photo story : Turkey has lost its fear](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Photo_story:_Turkey_has_lost_its_fear)

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Social media in Turkey](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Social_media_in_Turkey)

Brazil:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Rio communities come together in protest](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Rio_communities_come_together_in_protest)

Egypt:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Egypt: what happened to democracy, freedom, stability%3F](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Egypt:_what_happened_to_democracy,_freedom,_stability%3F)

Indonesia:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Indonesians won%27t stop fighting](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Indonesians_won%27t_stop_fighting)

UK:

[http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/G8 hunger summit: protest and praise](http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/G8_hunger_summit:_protest_and_praise)

Now think about other options:

If they **hadn't** protested, no-one **would have** known.

If they **hadn't gone** to the streets, nothing **would have** changed.

If they **hadn't done** anything, the government **would have** continued.

What's the grammar?

3rd conditional:

If + past perfect (had/n't + past participle)

If they hadn't protested

+ past conditional (would/n't have + past participle)

no-one would have known.

Is this past, present or future? Past

Did they protest? Yes

Did other people know because of the protests? Yes

Now discuss all the protests and
make more 3rd conditional
sentences about what happened
or what didn't happen:

Turkey:

Brazil:

Greece:

Indonesia:

UK:

Other protests you know about:

Writing

In small groups, write an article for a college / school newspaper:

“Protests around the world”

Write about:

- **different types of protest**
- **give examples from the articles you read**
- **include at least 2 3rd conditionals**

Homework: read the Easier English texts again – then click on the original at the end of each article and read that: compare vocabulary and grammar:

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