The Cat and the Mouse

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Once upon a time there lived a cat and a mouse. One fine day, the cat bit			
the mouse's tail off. "Give me back my tail," said the mouse.			
And the cat said, "Well, I (give) you back your			
tail if you fetched me some milk. But that's impossible to do for a little			
mouse like you."			
The mouse, however, went to the cow.			
"The cat (give / only)2 me back my tail if I fetch her some	milk."		
And the cow said, "Well, I would give you some milk if you (get)	me some		
hay. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."			
The mouse, however, went to the farmer.			
'The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (give)	4		
me some milk. And the cow (only / give)	5 me milk if I get		
her some hay."			
And the farmer said, "Well, I would give you some hay if you (bring)	⁶ me some		
meat. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you."			
The mouse, however, went to the butcher.			
'The cat will only give me back my tail if the cow (give)	⁷ me some		
milk. And the cow will only give me milk if she (get)	some hay. And		
the farmer (only / give) 9 me hay if I bring him some meat."			
And the butcher said, "Well, I would give you some meat if you (make)	10		
the baker bake me a bread. But that's impossible to do for a little mouse like you	."		
The mouse, however, went to the baker.			

If-Sätze Typ I, II und III

"The cat (give / only)	¹¹ me back my tail if I fetch her
some milk. And the cow (give / not)	12 me milk if I don't bring
her hay. And the farmer will only give me hay if but	cher (have)13 some meat for
him. And the butcher will not give me meat if you (b	pake / not)14 him a
bread."	
And the baker said, "Well, I (give)	15 you some bread if you promise
never to steal my corn or meal."	
The mouse promised not to steal, and so the baker	gave the mouse bread, the mouse gave the
butcher bread. The butcher gave the mouse meat, the	ne mouse gave the farmer meat. The farmer
gave the mouse hay, the mouse gave the cow hay. The	ne cow gave the mouse milk, the mouse gave
the cat milk. And the cat gave the mouse her tail back.	
But imagine what would have happened otherwise:	
If the mouse (promised / not)	never to steal corn or meal, the baker
(not/give) ¹⁷ the mo	ouse bread.
If the baker (not / give)	the mouse bread, the butcher
(not /leave) ¹⁹ her a	ny meat for the farmer.
If the butcher (not / leave)	20 her any meat, the farmer
(not / be)²¹ wil	ling to give the mouse hay.
If the farmer (not / be)	²² willing to give the mouse hay, the
mouse (not / fetch)	²³ milk from the cow.
If the mouse (not / fetch)	24 milk from the cow, she
(not / get) ²⁵ bac	ck her tail.

- The End -

Lösungen:

1) would give 14) don't / do not bake 2) will only give 15) will give

3) got 16) had not promised
4) gives 17) would not have given
5) will only give 18) had not given
6) brought 19) would not have left

7) gives 20) had not left

8) gets 21) would not have been

9) will only give 22) had not been

10) made 23) would not have fetched

11) will only 24) had not fetched 12) won't /will not give 25) would not have got

13) has

Vokabeln:

Once upon a time Es war einmal

bite off-bit off-bitten off abbeißen, biss ab, abgebissen

tail Schwanz

fetch herbringen, holen

hay Heu meat Fleisch butcher Fleischer

make sb. do sth. jmdn. dazu bringen etwas zu tun

promise versprechen steal stehlen corn Getreide meal Schrotmehl

imagine sich etw. vorstellen

happen passieren otherwise anderenfalls