

Wish / Would / If Only

Wishes, regrets, and irritation

NAME _____

DATE _____

KEY RULE:

wish + past simple (present wish), wish + past perfect (past regret), wish + would (irritation).

1 Choose the correct wish form

EASY

Pick the correct form after 'wish'.

1. I wish I ____ taller. (present wish)

2. I wish I ____ harder. (past regret)

3. I wish he ____ stop interrupting.

4. She wishes she ____ the truth then.

5. I wish it ____ summer all year long.

6. He wishes he ____ a better decision.

7. I wish you ____ help me more often.

8. She wishes she ____ to the party.

9. I wish I ____ that. (regret: said it)

10. If only he ____ earlier!

2 Write the wish sentence

MEDIUM

Write a wish sentence for each situation.

1. I can't swim. (I wish...)

2. I didn't apologise. (I wish...)

3. She talks too much. (I wish...)

4. He didn't take the job. (He wishes...)

5. It's raining. (If only...)

6. We didn't book early. (We wish...)

7. She doesn't listen to me. (I wish...)

8. I forgot her birthday. (I wish...)

9. He's always late. (I wish...)

10. I didn't study medicine. (If only...)

3 Would rather and It's time

HARD

Choose the correct form.

1. I'd rather he ____ at the meeting. (come)

2. It's time we ____: it's midnight.

3. She'd rather you ____ now.

4. It's high time he ____ a decision.

5. I'd rather ____ at home tonight. (stay)

6. It's time she ____ herself. (respect)

7. Would you rather I ____? (not come)

8. It's about time they ____ the truth.

9. I'd rather she ____ the letter.

10. It's high time you ____ this up.

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Full wish/if only/would practice

HARD

Write the complete sentence.

1. regret: not take the opportunity

3. irritation: always make noise

5. regret: say those words

7. present wish: live by the sea

9. irritation: never listen

2. present wish: speak Italian

4. if only: study harder

6. wish for change: stop lying

8. if only: not miss the flight

10. regret: not meet her earlier

Answer Key

Check your answers below

1 Exercise 1 Wish forms

1 were

2 had studied

3 would

4 had told

5 were

6 had made

7 would

8 had gone

9 hadn't said

10 had arrived

2 Exercise 2 Written wish sentences

1 I wish I could swim

2 I wish I had apologised

3 I wish she would talk less

4 He wishes he had taken the job

5 If only it would stop raining

6 We wish we had booked early

7 I wish she would listen to me

8 I wish I hadn't forgotten her birthday

9 I wish he weren't always late

10 If only I had studied medicine

3 Exercise 3 Would rather + it's time

1 came

2 left

3 left

4 made

5 stay

6 respected

7 didn't come

8 told

9 hadn't written

10 sorted

4 Exercise 4 Full sentences

1 I wish I had taken the opportunity

2 I wish I could speak Italian

3 I wish you would stop making noise

4 If only I had studied harder

5 I wish I hadn't said those words

6 I wish you would stop lying

7 I wish I lived by the sea

8 If only I hadn't missed the flight

9 I wish he would listen

10 I wish I had met her earlier