

Unit 9: Past Regrets and Present Wishes

Subject+ wish+ subject (had/hadn't +V3) } *Function: showing*
 If only + subject (had/ hadn't +V3) } *Past Regrets*

ملاحظة: نتمنى دائما عكس ما حصل.
 ملاحظة: نشير باستخدام هذا التركيب إلى الماضي البسيط بالرغم من أننا نستخدم الماضي التام كالتالي:

- I didn't study hard for the exam.
 I **wish** I had studied hard.
 If **only** I had studied hard.
- I slept late last night, I felt so tired in the morning.
 I **wish** I hadn't slept late last night.
 If **only** I hadn't slept late last night.
- Sami didn't do the homework and so was punished by the teacher.
 Sami **wishes** he had done the home work.
 If **only** Sami had done the homework.

Subject+ wish+ subject (V2/didn't +V1) } *Function: showing*
 If only + subject (V2/didn't +V1) } *Present wishes that are unlikely to happen*

ملاحظة: نتمنى دائما عكس ما يحدث الآن.

ملاحظة: نشير باستخدام هذا التركيب إلى المضارع بالرغم من أننا نستخدم الماضي البسيط

(be) → was
 → were

(not/be) → wasn't
 → weren't

(have) → had
 (can't) → could

(not/have) → didn't have

- I don't study hard for the exams.
 I **wish** I studied hard.
 If **only** I studied hard.
- I spend much time surfing the net.
 I **wish** I didn't spend much time surfing the net.
 If **only** I didn't spend much time surfing the net.

- I am not ready for the final exams.
I **wish** I were ready for the final exams.
If **only** I were ready for the final exams.
- I have many exams this week.
I **wish** I didn't have many exams this week.
If **only** I didn't have many exams this week.
- I can't speak Spanish.
I **wish** I could speak Spanish.
If **only** I could speak Spanish.

Question 1 : Rewrite the following sentences so that each new sentence has the similar meaning to the one before it.

1. I ate too much and now I have a stomachache.
I wish _____.
2. I was caught cheating in the exam.
I wish _____.
3. I got really badly sunburnt on the beach because I forgot my sun-cream.
I wish _____ my sun-cream
4. I didn't go with my friends to the movies yesterday.
If only _____.
5. My car broke down on Sunday and regret that happened.
If only _____.
6. Salma isn't rich enough to buy that apartment. (wish)
_____.
7. I don't have enough time to do the homework.
If only _____.
8. It is very hot out.
I wish _____.
9. I regret talking to her last night.
If only _____.
10. Sultan forgot to do his Science homework.
If only he _____ to do it.
11. I regret going to bed late last night.
I wish I _____ earlier.
12. Nahla could not find her way round the city very easily.
If only she _____ a map.
13. Oh no! I've forgotten my library book. I left it at home.
I wish I _____.

4. Our team didn't play very well yesterday.
If only they _____ better.
15. We aren't ready for the competition.
I wish _____.
16. We have many difficult tasks for the weekend.
I wish _____.
- 16 Tom regrets being late for the meeting yesterday.
Tom wishes _____.
17. Ali should have called the police when he saw the robbery.
If only _____.
18. Laila forgot her money at home.
Laila wishes _____.
19. Hani regrets cheating in the exam last week.
Hani _____.
20. We should have cleaned the house before we left.
We wish _____.

Question 2 : Write the correct form of the verb between brackets.

1. Alice didn't get a good grade. She wishes she _____ (work) harder.
2. Tom likes football very much. He wishes he _____ (become) a professional football player.
3. He was running very fast when he had a heart attack. If only he _____ (not/run) so fast.
4. She's keen on computers. She wishes she _____ (study) computer science next school year.
5. I am sorry I don't know how to use the computer. If only I _____ (know) how to use it.
6. I stayed late at work and missed the last bus. I wish I _____ (not/stay) at work late.
7. I wish I _____ (talk) to him yesterday.
8. My old car often breaks down. I wish I _____ (buy) a new car.
9. He didn't pass the exam. If only he _____ (work) hard.
10. She was absent. I wish she _____ (attend) the conference.
11. What a beautiful house! I wish I _____ (have) a house like this one.
12. I wish I _____ (be) rich. I would buy a farm and enjoy the calm of the countryside.
13. They had that bad accident because they were careless. If only they _____ (be) more careful.
14. We saw the film. I wish you _____ (see) it with us. It was an amazing evening.
15. I like traveling around the world. If only I _____ (have) time to realize my dream.
16. If only I _____ (know) you were coming.