

149 Exercises

Wish ... would (B)

What might you say in these situations? Begin *I wish ...*

- ? to someone who never answers your e-mails
I wish you'd answer my e-mails.
- ? to someone who makes rude remarks about you
/ wish you wouldn't make rude remarks about me.

- 1 to someone who won't hurry up
- 2 to someone who never does the washing-up
- 3 to someone who isn't telling you the whole story
- 4 to someone who blows cigarette smoke in your face
- 5 to someone who won't tell you what he's thinking

2 Wish ... the past (C)

Vicky is fed up. What is she saying? Use / wish or ~~if only~~.

- (She can't think straight.) *I wish I could think straight.*
- 1 (She is so tired.)
- 2 (She gets headaches.)
- 3 (Her work isn't going well.)
- 4 (She can't concentrate.)
- 5 (Life is so complicated.)

3 Wish ... the past perfect (D)

Complete the sentences. Use these words: *accepted, caught, found, played, saved, stayed*

- I spent all my money. I wish now that / had saved it.
- 1 I missed the train. I really wish
- 2 Rita left the party early. Nick wishes
- 3 Emma refused the offer. But her parents wish
- 4 I looked everywhere for the key. I wish
- 5 The injured player could only watch. He wishes

4 Wish ~~and~~ ~~if~~ only (B-D)

Complete the conversation.

Claire: Oh, Henry. You're giving me another present. It's very sweet of you, but I wish (►) you wouldn't give me so many presents. Henry:

Claire, I've been thinking. I shouldn't have asked you to marry me.

I wish now that (1)

Claire: Now you're talking nonsense. I wish (2)....., Henry.

Henry: I'm not a young man, am I? Of course I wish (3).....

Claire: Why don't you listen? If only (4)to me just this once.

Henry: Why couldn't we have met twenty years ago? I wish (5)you then.

Claire: Henry, twenty years ago I was just starting school.