

DAY 35: Conditional sentences 5

- 1** **GRAMMAR IN USE** Read the letter from a man in prison to his wife. Choose the correct underlined words. **3.49** Listen and check.

My dearest Monique

I can't begin to tell you how much I miss you. If only I (0) didn't listen / hadn't listened to Tommy Evans all those months ago when he said he wanted a driver to take him to the airport. Obviously, I wish the police (1) didn't catch / hadn't caught us at the warehouse, but I wish even more that I (2) didn't believe / hadn't believed his story.

Well, I'm here now, and I suppose I'm lucky that it's only for two years. I just wish that I (3) am / was closer to home. If only you (4) could visit / could have visited me more often, then I'm sure life would be easier.

Things aren't too bad here, really. I can work during the day and the evenings are OK, but the nights are awful – I really wish the other prisoners (5) would make / wouldn't make so much noise at night, and I wish I (6) can / could get some more sleep.

Well, I'd better go. It's time (7) I join / to join the others for 'evening activities'. I do enjoy getting letters from you and I wish you (8) would write / write to me more often. I (9) wish / hope that I'll see you soon, but I'd rather (10) you don't bring / you didn't bring the children – I don't want them to see me here.

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2 Complete the sentences with *would* / *wouldn't* and a verb from the box.

 3.50 Listen and check.

close (not) leave (not) make (not) play turn off ~~wash up~~

- 0 I wish you *would wash up* after you've eaten.
- 1 I wish you your clothes in the living room.
- 2 I wish you phone calls late at night.
- 3 I wish you the fridge door.
- 4 I wish you music really loudly.
- 5 I wish you the TV and talk to me!

3 Find and correct the mistakes in each sentence.

- 0 I wish I ~~didn't turn down~~ *hadn't turned down* that job offer last week.
- 1 We'd rather you don't bring your children with you.
- 2 If only we have enough money for a new kitchen.
- 3 We wish you get good news from your son next week.
- 4 Would you rather went to the mountains this year?
- 5 I wish you won't criticise me in front of your friends.
- 6 Isn't it time the gas bill to come?

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