

Extra Task B22-06

If only / I wish

The following sentences express wishes about present situations. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs.

1. I wish I (know) _____ how to sing. Maybe I'll take lessons one day.
2. The fireworks are so beautiful! If only Stella (be) _____ here, they're her favourite.
3. Chris is tired of the city, sometimes he wishes that he (live) _____ in the countryside.
4. I like that restaurant, but I wish they (have) _____ more vegetarian options.
5. I feel so useless, I wish I (can) _____ help you somehow.

The following sentences express wishes about past situations. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I miss my grandad a lot. If only I (spend) _____ more time with him while he was alive.
2. Sarah wishes she (take) _____ the job in Madrid last year.
3. I can't believe you saw dolphins at the beach this morning! I wish I (be) _____ there!
4. Gavin didn't enjoy his degree at all. He wishes that he (do) _____ a different course.
5. If only we (listen) _____ to your advice. The event would have been much better.

Now, complete with the correct time and verbs

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