

## WISH & UNREAL PAST STRUCTURES

*1 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.*

- 1. She didn't come to the meeting. She wishes she (come) ..... to the meeting.*
- 2. He doesn't pay us much. We'd rather he ..... (pay) us more money.*
- 3. I wish he (stop) ..... forgetting his mobile phone. It's so irritating!*
- 4. I wish I (not forget) ..... about your birthday last year.*
- 5. Dan hasn't brushed his teeth yet. It's high time he ..... (brush) his teeth.*
- 6. She wishes she (not spend) ..... so much time sunbathing yesterday.*
- 7. I can't play any instruments. I wish I (play) ..... the guitar.*
- 8. Do you want to go shopping with me? I'd rather ..... (stay at home) than ..... (go out).*
- 9. I wish I (live) ..... in the city. If I (live) ..... in the city, I'd go to the cinema more often.*
- 10. I advise you to take some medicine. You had better ..... (take) some medicine.*
- 11. I haven't washed the carpet for weeks. It's time ..... (wash) it.*
- 12. I prefer ..... (sing) to ..... (dance).*
- 13. It's high time we ..... (forbid) such demonstrations.*
- 14. I'd rather she (not wear) ..... my dress last night. She's ruined it.*
- 15. I would prefer (pay) ..... in cash rather than by credit card.*
- 16. Tim acts as if he (be) ..... a famous scientist rather than a clever 14-year-old.*

*II Paraphrase the sentences using unreal past expressions, 'wish' or 'if only'.*

1. *It's a pity I didn't insure the stereo.*

*If only*

2. *You should start preparing now.*

*It's time you*

3. *You'd think she is a film star.*

*She behaves as though*

4. *I wasn't at my grandparents' last week.*

*I wish*

5. *I don't want to interfere in their business.*

*I'd rather*

6. *I don't have any relatives abroad.*

*I wish I*

7. *He leaves his clothes everywhere.*

*I wish he*