

6 Tanya is a famous young singer. These are some of the things she doesn't like about being famous. Read what she says and write sentences as in the example:

- People always ask me to sing at parties.
- I have to look my best all the time.
- Sometimes magazines write false things about me.
- I don't have much time to see my friends.
- I can't go out by myself.
- Photographers follow me everywhere.



- 1 *I wish people wouldn't always ask me to sing at parties.*
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7 Write what these people wish they *had/hadn't done* as in the example:

- 1 John drove his car so fast that he had an accident.

John:

I wish I hadn't driven my car so fast. I wouldn't have had an accident.

- 2 Nastasia was late and she missed the beginning of the film.

Nastasia:

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- 3 Jack ate too much and he got sick.

Jack:

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- 4 Mitsuko was in a hurry and she forgot her purse at home.

Mitsuko:

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- 5 Susan didn't take off her ring before she went swimming and she lost it in the sea.

Susan:

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- 6 Hans and Jane didn't save any money so they didn't go on holiday last summer.

Hans &
Jane:

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8 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1 A: We're so late! I wish we *had taken* (take) the metro.

B: Next time, we'll know better.

2 A: If only I (not/be) so rude to Bill.

B: Why don't you apologise? I'm sure he'll forgive you.

3 A: Are you going to Kim's party on Saturday?

B: No. I wish I (go). I'm sure it'll be fun.

4 A: I wish Helen (tell) us what's bothering her.

B: Yes. She seems really upset, doesn't she?

5 A: If only Jack (call) me. I'm so worried.

B: I'm sure he will as soon as he arrives in Los Angeles.

6 A: I wish I (know) how to use this camera.

B: Don't worry. I'll show you.

7 A: I wish I (not/forget) to pay the bills.

B: Never mind. You can do it tomorrow.

8 A: I wish Akim (come) to the concert with us.

B: So do I. He would have really enjoyed it.

9 Write wishes using the words in bold in the sentences as in the example:

1 **You left the radio on** and now the batteries don't work.

You say, "..... *I wish I hadn't left the radio on.*"

2 It's very dark outside and **you can't find your torch.**

You say, "....."

3 **You didn't do your homework** and your teacher is angry.

You say, "....."

4 You live in the city. **You prefer the countryside.**

You say, "....."

5 It's raining outside and **you want it to stop.**

You say, "....."

6 **You stayed up late last night** and today you're very tired.

You say, "....."

7 You are having a party **but nobody has come yet.**

You say, "....."

8 You have short, straight hair. **You would like long, curly hair.**

You say, "....."

9 You have just left your house and **left your keys at home.**

You say, "....."

10 It is winter and **it doesn't look like it is going to snow.**

You say, "....."

- 10** Complete the wishes and then make conditional sentences as in the example:

1 I got wet. I should have taken my raincoat with me.

I wish *I had taken my raincoat with me.*

If *I had taken my raincoat with me, I wouldn't have got wet.*

3 I failed my exams. I should have studied harder.

I wish

If

2 I can't buy a sports car. I don't have enough money.

I wish

If

4 I have too much homework to do. I can't go out with my friends.

I wish

If



Speaking Activity

(Expressing wishes / regrets)

In pairs, take turns to tell each other your wishes or regrets.

A: I wish I had a bike. If I had a bike, I could ride it to school.

B: If only / I wish I hadn't failed any exams. If I had passed my exams, I would have been able to go to university, etc.



Writing Activity

Use your partner's answers from the Speaking Activity to write a paragraph about his/her wishes / regrets.

Tony wishes he had a bike.

