

20 Put the verbs in capitals into the correct form.

Dear Ben,

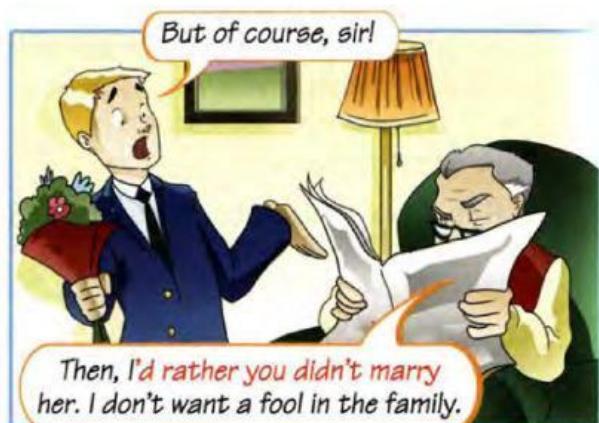
Well, it's been two weeks since I started living in my new house, but I already wish my family 1) hadn't moved here. I honestly thought I would enjoy the quiet life of the village, but now I wish we 2) to our old house in the city. The problem is it's just so quiet here. If only there 3) more people my age, then maybe I wouldn't feel so lonely. Sometimes, I really miss my friends in my old neighbourhood. I wish I 4) ; then I would be able to visit them more often. If only my dad 5) his new job; then we wouldn't have needed to move at all. Sorry, Ben, I wish I 6) a more cheerful letter. Hopefully the next time I write, I will feel better. If only I 7) more patient! I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Steve

NOT/MOVE
RETURN
BE
DRIVE
NOT/TAKE
WRITE
BE



27 Listen and repeat. Then act out.



Unreal Past

- The past simple can be used to refer to the present (unreal present) when we talk about imaginary, unreal or improbable situations which are contrary to facts in the present. The past perfect can be used to refer to imaginary, unreal or improbable situations which are contrary to facts in the past (unreal past).

Past Simple is used with:

- Conditionals Type 2 (unreal in the present)
*If I **were** you, I would pay.*
- wish (present) *I wish he **were** here now.*
- Suppose/Supposing
*Suppose you **were** asked to move out, what would you do?*
- I'd rather/sooner sb ... (present)
*I'd rather you **went** now.*
- as if/as though (untrue situation in the present)
*He isn't French but he speaks French as if he **were** from France.*
- it's (about/high) time *It's time you **retired**.*

Past Perfect is used with:

- Conditionals Type 3 (unreal in the past)
*If I **had seen** him, I would have told you.*
- wish (past) *If only you **had taken** his advice when he gave it.*
- Suppose/Supposing
*Suppose you **had seen** the crime being committed, what would you have done?*
- I'd rather/sooner sb ... (past)
*I'd rather you **hadn't told** all those lies.*
- as if/as though (untrue situation in the past)
*He **hadn't been awarded** the first prize but he behaved as if he **had been awarded** it.*

had better = should

- We use **had better** + infinitive without 'to' to give advice or to say what the best thing to do in a particular situation is.

I had better + present infinitive without 'to' (present/future reference)

We **had better stop** smoking. (= We should stop smoking.)

It would have been better if + past perfect (past reference)

It would have been better if you hadn't lied to her. (= You shouldn't have lied to her.)

I'd (would) rather = I'd prefer

- when the subject of **would rather** is also the subject of the following verb

**I'd rather + present infinitive without 'to' (present/future reference)
perfect infinitive without 'to' (past reference)**

I'd rather go to the shops tomorrow. **I'd rather not have gone out** yesterday.

- when the subject of **would rather** is different from the subject of the following verb

**I'd rather sb + past simple (present/future reference)
past perfect (past reference)**

I'd rather you studied a little more.
I'd rather you hadn't lied to me.

- prefer + -ing form/noun + to + -ing form/noun (general preference) **I prefer (watching) TV to (going to) the cinema.**
- prefer + full infinitive + rather than + infinitive without 'to' (general preference) **I prefer to stay at home rather than go out.**
- would prefer + full infinitive + rather than + infinitive without 'to' (specific preference) **I'd prefer to write to him rather than call him.**
- would rather + infinitive without 'to' + than + infinitive without 'to' (specific preference) **I'd rather buy a new dress than have this one taken in.**

21 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

- A: Would you like to go to the theatre this evening?
B: Great idea. We **had better** **reserve** (**reserve**) our seats.
- A: I didn't enjoy the exhibition very much.
B: Me neither. I would rather they (**display**) more modern art.
- A: Did you enjoy the concert last weekend?
B: No, I'd rather (**go**) to the cinema.
- A: Do you read many books?
B: No, I prefer (**watch**) television to (**read**) books.
- A: You **had better** (**train**) hard for the race next month.
B: I will. I want to win a medal.
- A: I'd rather you (**not/wear**) your shoes inside the house.
B: No problem. I'll take them off.
- A: I'm going to walk into the city centre.
B: Then you'd better (**wear**) your raincoat. It's going to rain later.
- A: Shall I take the lawnmower into the shed?
B: I'd rather you (**not/move**) it. I'm going to use it later.

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Conditionals / Wishes / Unreal Past

22 Underline the correct tense.

- 1 Supposing you had seen/had been seen taking the money, what would you have done?
- 2 Paul acted as if he owns/owned the company.
- 3 I wish I went/had gone to the concert last night.
- 4 It's high time you learnt/had learnt how to cook.
- 5 Suppose you saw/had seen someone getting mugged, what would you do?
- 6 It's about time we replaced/had replaced the old printer.
- 7 I'd rather you hadn't told/didn't tell everyone my secret at the party last night.
- 8 I would have prepared some sandwiches if I knew/had known you were visiting.
- 9 I'd rather you didn't turn on/hadn't turned on the TV when I'm reading.
- 10 If only I didn't break/hadn't broken my dad's camera. He's very angry with me.

23 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form.

- 1 Suppose you met **(meet)** a famous actor, would you ask him for his autograph?
- 2 I wish I ask **(ask)** my parents' advice before I decided to buy the house.
- 3 Alan says he would rather prepare **(prepare)** the dinner by himself.
- 4 I'd rather you send **(send)** me a letter than an email.
- 5 Supposing I needed to borrow some money, you/lend **(you/lend)** some to me?
- 6 She isn't a trained ballerina but she dances as if she be **(be)**.
- 7 If you hadn't left early, you hear **(hear)** Tom playing the guitar.
- 8 I wish Alan not/change **(not/change)** jobs; it's not the same here without him.

24 Complete the sentences, as in the example.

- 1 Your friends want to go surfing but you just want to sunbathe. What do you say?
I would prefer to sunbathe rather than go surfing.
- 2 Your parents want you to take out the rubbish. You want your brother to do it. What do you say?
I'd rather my brother.
- 3 Your brother has started playing the violin. You want him to stop practising late at night. What do you say?
I'd rather you stop practising.
- 4 Your friend has the flu. You think she should go to the doctor. What do you say?
You'd better see a doctor.
- 5 Your parents have offered to buy you an MP3 player for your birthday rather than the computer you had asked for. What do you say?
I'd rather you have an MP3 player.
- 6 Your friend has asked if you'd like to go to the beach. You want to stay at home. What do you say?
I would prefer to stay at home.
- 7 Your friend eats a lot of junk food. You think she should eat less. What do you say?
You had better eat less.
- 8 Your parents ask if you enjoyed your visit to the museum. You regret having gone. What do you say?
I'd rather not have gone.

25 Choose the correct item.

1 I wish you be more careful with my laptop.	A could	B would	C rather	4 You speak to the manager about this issue.	A should	B rather	C better
2 If only the children make so much noise.	A wouldn't	B couldn't	C shouldn't	5 I Rachael had invited me to the dinner party.	A prefer	B rather	C wish
3 You'd bring your umbrella with you.	A better	B rather	C prefer	6 I wish I speak Japanese.	A would	B should	C could



Speaking Activity

(giving advice – conditionals)

A friend of yours has joined a new school and is finding it difficult to make new friends. Use the prompts to give him advice. Use a variety of conditionals.



- look for other new students – looking for new friends too
- introduce yourself first – other students won't be nervous around you
- smile – people approach you
- be yourself – students enjoy talking to you
- join an afterschool club – meet students with the same interests

e.g. If I were you, I would look for other new students in the school. They are probably looking for new friends, too...



Writing Activity

Write an email to your friend based on your answers in the Speaking Activity above.

Dear Sam,

I'm sorry to hear you're finding it difficult to make friends at your new school. I'd like to give you some advice.

If I were you, I would look for other new students in the school. They are probably looking for new friends, too.