I wish and if only Exercise

There are three distinct types of **I wish / if only** *sentences:-*

1 - **Regrets** *with the* PAST PERFECT (the third conditional)

I wish I hadn't got so angry.

2 - **Wanting change** *for the present or future with the* PAST SIMPLE

I wish I had enough money to go to Mozambique this summer.

3 - **Complaints** *with* WOULD + INFINITIVE

I wish you wouldn't arrive so late all the time.

Fill the gaps using the verbs in brackets.

Regrets

1 I wish I ..... drunk and kissed Samantha. (get NEGATIVE)

2 I wish it ..... so much. The garden's turned to mud. (rain NEGATIVE)

3 If only I ..... there, I wouldn't have got a fine. (park NEGATIVE)

Wanting change

4 If only I ..... more time for my hobbies. (have)

5 I wish it ..... more often in Valencia. (rain)

6 I wish I ..... to go to your nephew's wedding. (have NEGATIVE)

Complaints

7 I wish you ..... so much. You're a complete idiot when you're drunk. (drink NEGATIVE)

8 If only it ..... The garden's as dry as a bone. (rain)

9 I wish Samantha ..... her hair more often. It looks so greasy all the time. (wash)

Mixed

10 I wish you ..... so horrible to your brother. He's a really nice bloke. (be NEGATIVE)

11 I wish the council ..... that beautiful old house. It was part of the town's heritage. (demolish NEGATIVE)

12 If only I ..... the money to go to Jon's wedding in The States. (have)

13 I wish I ..... her she'd put on weight. She hates me now. (tell NEGATIVE)

14 I wish you ..... to your mother like that. (speak NEGATIVE)

15 If only we ..... a Hewlett Packard printer. The cartridges are so expensive. (buy NEGATIVE)

16 I wish Jorge ..... so fast. It's only a matter of time before he kills someone. (drive NEGATIVE)

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