

Grammar | unreal past

1. Read the Grammar box and do the exercises.

Grammar box

Wish/if only

If only I'd taken a better picture.

- ✓ Find more examples of these forms in articles Student 1 and Student 2 provided previously
- ✓ What verb form follows wish/if only to talk about (a) the present? (b) the past?

It's high time/it's about time

- ✓ Find examples of these forms in the articles Student 1 and Student 2 provided previously.
- ✓ Do these expressions mean something should be happening now, but it isn't? Or do they mean that something is happening on time?
- ✓ What verb form follows It's high time/It's about time?

Would rather/would sooner

- ✓ Find examples of these forms in the articles Student 1 and Student 2 provided previously.
- ✓ What verb form follows would sooner/would rather if the person speaking and the subject are (a) the same? (b) different?
I would rather go. (The person speaking and her subject is I).
I would sooner they left. (The person speaking is I, but the subject is they).

What if/suppose (or supposing)

Suppose you had taken that job as a photographer? Would you be happier now?

- ✓ Find more examples of these forms in the articles Student 1 and Student 2 provided previously.
- ✓ What verb form follows what if/suppose to talk about an imaginary situation in the (a) present? (b) past? (c) future?

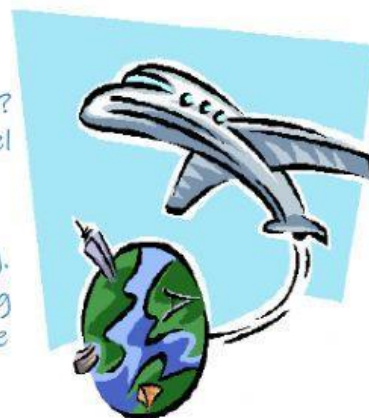


2. Six of the following sentences are wrong. Find the mistakes and correct them.

- ✓ It's high time we went on a photography course.
- ✓ They'd rather we didn't use flash photography in the museum.
- ✓ This scenery is so beautiful. If only I brought my camera.
- ✓ I'd sooner you wouldn't write that down, please.
- ✓ It's about time you go to bed.
- ✓ what if you'll get ill when you go abroad?
- ✓ I wish I can speak the language better. I'd ask them about their lives.
- ✓ Suppose you woke up earlier yesterday. Would you have seen the sun rise?

3. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- ✓ We should start writing our journals.
It is high | | (begin) writing our journals.
- ✓ What if you had the chance to become a travel journalist?
Suppose someone | | (offer) a job as a travel journalist?
- ✓ Please stop taking photos!
We'd rather | | (take) photos inside the building.
- ✓ I should have sent in my story for the travel writing competition. If only | | (enter) the competition, I might have won!
- ✓ I'd love to be able to take good photos.
I wish | | (be) good photographer.
- ✓ We should select the photos for my new travel book together.
I'd sooner | | (choose) photos together.
- ✓ You should finish writing that article soon.
It's about | | (complete) that article.
- ✓ I'm nervous about my camera jamming at the vital moment.
What if | | (jam) at the vital moment?



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