

I'd rather you **didn't** tell anyone what I said.

(Tôi không muốn bạn kể với bất kỳ ai những gì tôi đã nói.)

We'd rather she **was/ were** here tomorrow.

(Chúng tôi muốn cô ta có mặt ở đây vào ngày mai.)

* Ở quá khứ

S + would rather (that) + S + Vpast perfect
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Roberto would rather we **hadn't** left yesterday.

(Roberto muốn hôm qua chúng tôi đã không ra đi.)

→ but we left yesterday

I would rather you **had met** my future wife.

(Tôi muốn là bạn đã gặp vợ sắp cưới của tôi.)

→ but you didn't meet

EXERCISES

1. Use the sentences in the box to make sentences with *as if*.

it has just been cut	he hadn't eaten for a week
it never gets fed	I'm going to be sick
she was enjoying it	she didn't want to come
he's been up all night	he meant what he was saying
they're going to get married	someone has been smoking here

- Carol had a bored expression on her face during the concert. She didn't look
- I don't think he was joking. He looked.....
- The grass is very short. It looks.....
- That poor dog looks.....
- I've just eaten too many chocolates. Now I'm feeling ill.
I feel.....
- I phoned Emma and invited her to the party but she wasn't very enthusiastic about it. She sounded.....
- Tom looks really awful. He looks.....
- Peter was extremely hungry and ate his dinner very quickly.
He ate.....
- From what Emma said, it sounds
- Do you smell something burning? It smells

2. Complete the sentences with *as if* or *as though*.

1. Tim isn't the boss but he acts..... the boss.
2. The hole in my shirt wasn't made by a bullet, but it looks
by a bullet.
3. Barbara has met me many times before, but she looked at me
never me before.
4. I'm 20 years old, so please don't talk to mea-child.
5. She heard everything I said, but she went right on talking
a word I'd said.
6. Mark has many friends, but he looks so depressed..... a friend
in the world.
7. It was a long time ago that we first met but I remember it..... yesterday.
8. Steve has only met Nicole once but he talks about her..... a close
friend.
9. When Joanna came in from the rainstorm, she looked a shower
with her clothes on.
10. She will be here, but she spokehere.

3. Read the situation and write sentences with *It's time + clause* (somebody did something).

1. You think the children should be in bed. It's already 11 o'clock.
2. You haven't had a holiday for a very long time. You need one now.
3. You're waiting for Mary. She is late. Why isn't she here yet?
4. You're sitting on a train waiting for it to leave the station. It's already five
minutes late.
5. You enjoy having parties. You haven't had one for a long time.
6. The company you work for is badly run. You think there should be some
changes.
7. It's 10 o'clock and Tim is still in bed. You think he should get up now.
8. You want your parents to stop treating Tommy like a child. He's 18 years
old.
9. You and your friends enjoy the picnic. But it's too late. You must go home
immediately.
10. The windows are very dirty. You think they should be cleaned now.

4. Complete the sentences with the suggestions in the list.

be an engineer	study Chinese
not go out	stay home
lie on the beach	not tell you
go to an opera	