

WISH & UNREAL PAST STRUCTURES

1 Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

- 1. She didn't come to the meeting. She wishes she (come) to the meeting.*
- 2. He doesn't pay us much. We'd rather he (pay) us more money.*
- 3. I wish he (stop) forgetting his mobile phone. It's so irritating!*
- 4. I wish I (not forget) about your birthday last year.*
- 5. Dan hasn't brushed his teeth yet. It's high time he (brush) his teeth.*
- 6. She wishes she (not spend) so much time sunbathing yesterday.*
- 7. I can't play any instruments. I wish I (play) the guitar.*
- 8. Do you want to go shopping with me? I'd rather (stay at home) than (go out).*
- 9. I wish I (live) in the city. If I (live) in the city, I'd go to the cinema more often.*
- 10. I advise you to take some medicine. You had better (take) some medicine.*
- 11. I haven't washed the carpet for weeks. It's time (wash) it.*
- 12. I prefer (sing) to (dance).*
- 13. It's high time we (forbid) such demonstrations.*
- 14. I'd rather she (not wear) my dress last night. She's ruined it.*
- 15. I would prefer (pay) in cash rather than by credit card.*
- 16. Tim acts as if he (be) a famous scientist rather than a clever 14-year-old.*

11 Paraphrase the sentences using unreal past expressions, 'wish' or 'if only'.

1. It's a pity I didn't insure the stereo.

If only

2. You should start preparing now.

It's time you

3. You'd think she is a film star.

She behaves as though

4. I wasn't at my grandparents' last week.

I wish

5. I don't want to interfere in their business.

I'd rather

6. I don't have any relatives abroad.

I wish I

7. He leaves his clothes everywhere.

I wish he