

6 Tanya is a famous young singer. These are some of the things she doesn't like about being famous. Read what she says and write sentences as in the example:

- People always ask me to sing at parties.
- I have to look my best all the time.
- Sometimes magazines write false things about me.

- I don't have much time to see my friends.
- I can't go out by myself.
- Photographers follow me everywhere.



1 *I wish people wouldn't always ask me to sing at parties.*

2 .....

3 .....

4 .....

5 .....

6 .....

7 Write what these people wish they *had/hadn't done* as in the example:

1 John drove his car so fast that he had an accident.

John: *I wish I hadn't driven my car so fast. I wouldn't have had an accident.*

2 Nastasia was late and she missed the beginning of the film.

Nastasia:

4 Mitsuko was in a hurry and she forgot her purse at home.

Mitsuko:

5 Susan didn't take off her ring before she went swimming and she lost it in the sea.

Susan:

3 Jack ate too much and he got sick.

Jack:

6 Hans and Jane didn't save any money so they didn't go on holiday last summer.

Hans & Jane:

## 8 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1 A: We're so late! I wish we had taken...  
(take) the metro.  
B: Next time, we'll know better.

2 A: If only I ..... (not/be) so rude to Bill.  
B: Why don't you apologise? I'm sure he'll forgive you.

3 A: Are you going to Kim's party on Saturday?  
B: No. I wish I ..... (go). I'm sure it'll be fun.

4 A: I wish Helen ..... (tell) us what's bothering her.  
B: Yes. She seems really upset, doesn't she?

5 A: If only Jack .....  
(call) me. I'm so worried.  
B: I'm sure he will as soon as he arrives in Los Angeles.

6 A: I wish I .....  
(know) how to use this camera.  
B: Don't worry. I'll show you.

7 A: I wish I .....  
(not/forget) to pay the bills.  
B: Never mind. You can do it tomorrow.

8 A: I wish Akim .....  
(come) to the concert with us.  
B: So do I. He would have really enjoyed it.

## 9 Write wishes using the words in bold in the sentences as in the example:

1 You **left the radio on** and now the batteries don't work.  
You say, "... I wish I hadn't left the radio on...."

2 It's very dark outside and **you can't find your torch**.  
You say, "... I wish I could find my torch...."

3 You **didn't do your homework** and your teacher is angry.  
You say, "... I wish I had done my homework...."

4 You live in the city. **You prefer the countryside.**  
You say, "... I wish I lived in the countryside...."

5 It's raining outside and **you want it to stop**.  
You say, "... I wish it would stop raining...."

6 You **stayed up late last night** and today you're very tired.  
You say, "... I wish I had stayed in bed last night...."

7 You are having a party **but nobody has come yet**.  
You say, "... I wish more people would come to my party...."

8 You have short, straight hair. **You would like long, curly hair.**  
You say, "... I wish I had long, curly hair...."

9 You have just left your house and **left your keys at home**.  
You say, "... I wish I hadn't left my keys at home...."

10 It is winter and **it doesn't look like it is going to snow**.  
You say, "... I wish it would start snowing...."

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## Wishes

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Complete the wishes and then make conditional sentences as in the example:

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I got wet. I should have taken my raincoat with me.

I wish ... *I had taken my raincoat with me.* ...

If *I had taken my raincoat with me, I wouldn't have got wet.*

3

I failed my exams. I should have studied harder.

I wish ...

If ...

2

I can't buy a sports car. I don't have enough money.

I wish ...

If ...

4

I have too much homework to do. I can't go out with my friends.

I wish ...

If ...



### Speaking Activity

(Expressing wishes / regrets)

In pairs, take turns to tell each other your wishes or regrets.

A: I wish I had a bike. If I had a bike, I could ride it to school.

B: If only / I wish I hadn't failed any exams. If I had passed my exams, I would have been able to go to university, etc.



### Writing Activity

Use your partner's answers from the Speaking Activity to write a paragraph about his/her wishes / regrets.

Tony wishes he had a bike. ....