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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: ....

3 Jack ate too much and he got sick.

Jack: ....

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: ....

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

Hans & Jane: ....

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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, "..... "

3 **You didn't do your homework** and your teacher is angry.
You say, "..... "

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

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

6 **You stayed up late last night** and today you're very tired.
You say, "..... "

7 You are having a party **but nobody has come yet**.
You say, "..... "

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

9 You have just left your house and **left your keys at home**.
You say, "..... "

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

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

1 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.*

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

I wish .....

.....

If .....

.....

3 I failed my exams. I should have studied harder.

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. .....

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