

**Discuss to what extent you agree with the statements (0 – disagree, 1 – partly agree, 2 – agree, 3 – absolutely agree).
Give reasons for your opinions.**

The older you get, the fewer things you tend to regret.

- If you listen to the regrets older people have, you are likely to avoid their mistakes.
- Regretting too many things is meaningless as we can't change the past.
- If you focus on your regrets, you might overlook new opportunities.
- For some people, their regrets are the only thing they have as it's too late for them to change anything.
- People who say they don't regret anything are only fooling themselves.



Hayley • 1 hr ago

1I wish I hadn't spent so much time worrying about what others thought of me when I was a child. It meant that I forgot to focus on the important issues. If only I'd spent more time studying. 2I should have gone to a top college, but my grades just weren't good enough. I really feel like I missed out on a massive opportunity.

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Nick • 1 hr 38 min ago

We've recently moved to another town because my dad thinks his career is more important than his family. My mom was happy to move but 3I wish we still lived in our old town. 4I wish people wouldn't think only of themselves.

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Kelly • 2 hrs 3 mins ago

The last summer of college was one of the happiest times of my life. We traveled so much back then. 5I wish we could all go back to that beach in Thailand, but everyone's so busy now with work and family. Maybe I wouldn't eat the seafood this time, though!

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1. describes a different present
2. describes a past regret
3. describes something we want others to do or stop doing.
4. Describes regret in a more emphatic way.

- 1 If only I've spent more time studying when I was a student.
- 2 I wish I didn't miss out on that opportunity to teach at a summer camp last year.
- 3 I find it hard to meet people. If only I'm not so painfully shy.
- 4 You're really hard to talk to today. I wish you hadn't been in such a bad mood.
- 5 I wish I would move back to where I grew up but I can't afford a house there.
- 6 I wish he had stop thinking about himself.
- 7 I really wish we had moved here – it was a big mistake.
- 8 You shouldn't tell Mei Xing that you were leaving. Now she's upset.

Correct or incorrect?

Complete your own ideas to share in class

1 Something I need to work on

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2 Something that keeps me awake

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3 Something it's not on my side of the court

If only

4 Something that makes me think

If only

5 Something that annoys me

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