

Expressing wishes & regrets: I wish / If only

Exercise: Rewrite these sentences using the words given to express wishes/ regrets

1) I don't have enough money to buy this laptop.

⇒ I wish

2) I can't buy this mobile phone. It's too expensive!

⇒ I wish

3) I didn't take my mother's advice. Now I regret it!

If only

4) I ate so much and I feel sick now.

If only

5) I'm so sorry, my friend! I really want to help you but

I can't. ⇒ I wish

6) His scooter was stolen because he didn't lock it. ⇒ If only

7) My uncle got married with a French woman. ⇒ My uncle wishes

8) I wasted my time surfing the Internet. Now, I have no time to revise for the exam. .

⇒ I wish

Remember: *I wish I or If only I*

To express a wish or regret, we need to

Change the **verb tense**: Present ⇒ Past simple -1

Past ⇒ Past perfect

.... (and **Modals**: (will ⇒ would) - (can ⇒ could

(Switch from **negative** to **affirmative** (and vice versa -2

(+ ⇒ -) / (- ⇒ +)

1 + 2 = I don't know it ⇒ I know ⇒ I wish I knew it.

EXERCISE2:

1- You did not go to the concert yesterday.

..... I wish

2- You want to buy an expensive car but you are not rich .

..... If only

3- You don't know the way because you don't have a map .

..... I wish

4- I don't have enough money to buy this laptop.

..... If only

5- I can't buy this mobile phone. It's too expensive!

..... I wish

6- I didn't take my mother's advice. Now I regret it!

..... I wish

7- I ate so much and I feel sick now.

..... I wish

8- I didn't watch that amazing film yesterday.

..... If only

9- My friend is very talkative.

..... I wish my friend

10- I wasted my time surfing the Internet. Now, I have no time to revise for the exam.

..... I wish

11- My favourite soccer team loses continuously.

..... I wish

12- I didn't study hard enough for the final exam.

..... If only