

## VOCABULARY

### ADJECTIVES FOR STORIES

1 Put the letters in bold in the correct order to make adjectives. The first letter is underlined.

- The film ending was very **rdaicmta** d*r*a*m*a*t*i*c* – I could hardly watch it.
- That play was absolutely **hrailoisu** \_\_\_\_\_ . I nearly cried with laughing.
- The life of Gandhi is very **isnrjnigp** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I found that poem about war very **tpoiangn** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Jane is very **tnnseei** \_\_\_\_\_ – she's very focused when she speaks to you.
- Brian finished his 3,000 word film review last night – that's **kareblmear** \_\_\_\_\_ !
- I really liked the end of the film, the special effects were **dibleejncr** \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The story of the children was very **gimonv** \_\_\_\_\_ – it nearly made me cry.

## GRAMMAR

### I WISH, IF ONLY

2 A Complete the survey results with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. In some sentences you need to make the verb negative.

no regrets
HOME
NEWS
SURVEY
SEARCH

### Regrets, we've had a few ...

A survey of over-30s suggests that many people share the same regrets about the past. Some of the results are unsurprising, but others are unexpected. The top regrets are:

- One in ten people wishes they <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (work) abroad at some stage in their life.
- Just under a quarter of people wish they <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (save) more money in their twenties.
- A quarter of people wish they <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) smoking.
- Nearly a third of people wish they <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) more attention at school.
- One in three people wishes that they <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get married) so young.
- Many people wish they <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) full-time education so early and regret that they didn't go to university.
- Almost a half of people wish they <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) a musical instrument.
- The top regret of all? Nearly half of people wish they <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) more when they were younger.

B Tick the items you also regret.

3 A 3.3 Listen and underline the alternative you hear.

- I wish I *had*/I'd *had* more money.
- I wish I'd/you'd worked harder at school.
- I wish it *would* stop/it *had* stopped raining.
- If only we've/'d told her.
- If only we *went*/'d *gone* to the party.
- If only you'd/*hadn't* turned it off.

B Listen again and repeat. Pay attention to the stress and the contractions: 'd /əd/ and *hadn't* /'hædn̩t/.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words including the word given.

- She can't stand the way the press keep asking her about her private life.  
STOP  
She wishes the press \_\_\_\_\_ about her private life.
- I'd prefer to be at home right now; it's too cold here.  
HOME  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_ right now; it's too cold here.
- It's terrible – we owe so much money!  
ONLY  
If \_\_\_\_\_ so much money.
- They didn't tell him the cost before he started the treatment.  
TOLD  
If \_\_\_\_\_ him the cost of the treatment before he started it.
- I hate it when you interrupt me.  
ME  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_.
- That's a great idea! Why didn't I think of it?  
WISH  
I \_\_\_\_\_ of that idea.
- Wayne wishes he'd kept his temper.  
KEPT  
If only Wayne \_\_\_\_\_ his temper.
- I can't see anything from here.  
SEE  
If only \_\_\_\_\_ from here.
- Unfortunately, we don't have enough time.  
MORE  
If \_\_\_\_\_ time.
- You just didn't listen to me!  
LISTENED  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_ to me!