

Wish/If only for regrets about the past

Instructions: Rewrite the following using 'wish' or 'if only' to express regret about the past.

1. Laura missed the deadline by two minutes and was disqualified.
2. We didn't double-check the contract before signing it.
3. James ignored the warning signs and got severely injured.
4. The researchers failed to include proper citations in their report.
5. I wasted too much time scrolling on my phone before the exam.
6. They booked the flight without confirming the visa requirements.
7. Mia laughed during the serious part of the presentation.
8. I didn't speak up during the meeting when I had the chance.
9. The engineer forgot to back up the project files before formatting the system.
10. We underestimated how difficult the hike would be without proper gear.

Instructions: Choose the most accurate option to complete each sentence about past regrets.

1. I wish the team (would submit / had submitted / submitted) the proposal before the deadline passed.
2. If only she (hadn't frozen / didn't freeze / wouldn't freeze) during her scholarship interview.
3. He wishes he (wasn't trusting / hadn't trusted / wouldn't have trusted) the wrong people in the negotiation.
4. If only we (had acknowledged / acknowledge / would acknowledge) the warning signs earlier.
5. They wish they (prepared / would have prepared / had prepared) more thoroughly for the mock trial.
6. If only the actor (hadn't forgotten / wouldn't forget / didn't forget) his lines during the final scene.
7. I wish I (took / had taken / had been taking) the opportunity to study abroad when I could.
8. She wishes she (hadn't accepted / wouldn't accept / wasn't accepting) the offer without consulting anyone.
9. If only the company (had handled / would have handled / handled) the crisis more transparently.
10. We wish we (hadn't underestimated / didn't underestimate / hadn't been underestimating) the competitor's strategy.