I WISH / IF ONLY

I wish / **If only:** Used to express a **desire for change or regret**.

PRESENT CHANGE

Wish + Past Simple

I wish I lived in Paris

PAST REGRET

Wish + Past Perfect

If only I had gone to the party.

Exercise 1

Instructions: Fill in the gaps using the verb in brackets. Decide if it is a regret about the past (Past Perfect) or a desire about the present (Past Simple).

Example (0 - Present Change): I wish I lived (live) near the beach. It's too hot in the city.
Example (0 - Past Regret): If only I had gone (go) to bed early last night. I am exhausted today.

1. I wish I _____ (have) a bigger apartment. This one is too small.
2. If only we _____ (not go) to that restaurant last night; the food was terrible.
3. She wishes she _____ (can) speak Italian for her upcoming trip.
4. If only I _____ (wake up) earlier this morning! I missed the bus.
5. I wish my laptop _____ (work) faster; it is very slow today.
6. If only you _____ (tell) me the truth yesterday.
7. They wish they _____ (buy) the concert tickets before they sold out.
8. I wish it _____ (not rain) right now. I want to play outside.
9. If only I _____ (not lose) my watch at the gym yesterday.
10. He wishes he _____ (know) how to cook simple recipes.

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Exercise 2

Instructions: Rewrite the situations using "I wish" or "If only".

Example (0): Situation: I failed my test because I didn't study.
Rewrite: If only I had studied for my test!

1. I don't have enough money to buy a computer.

Rewrite: I wish _____ .

2. I didn't study for the history exam yesterday.

Rewrite: If only _____ !

3. My friend lives very far away from me.

Rewrite: I wish _____ .

4. We forgot to lock the door this morning.

Rewrite: If only _____ !

5. I can't swim.

Rewrite: I wish _____ .

6. They missed the train because they arrived late.

Rewrite: If only _____ !

7. It is very cold today.

Rewrite: I wish _____ .

8. I broke my phone yesterday.

Rewrite: If only _____ !

9. I don't understand this grammar topic.

Rewrite: I wish _____ .

10. She didn't invite me to her birthday party.

Rewrite: If only _____ !

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Exercise 3

Instructions: Match the problem (1-10) with the correct logical wish/regret (A-J).

Example (0): I don't have an umbrella → (Z) If only it would stop raining.

1. My car is broken.	**A.** I wish I had brought my jacket.
2. I failed my driving test.	**B.** If only I had a car to drive there!
3. I feel very cold right now.	**C.** I wish I had practiced more before the test.
4. I don't know the answer.	**D.** If only I hadn't forgotten his name.
5. I cannot find my wallet.	**E.** I wish I knew the correct solution.
6. I am very tired this morning.	**F.** If only I hadn't left it at home.
7. The city is too noisy.	**G.** I wish I had slept earlier last night.
8. I don't see my friends often.	**H.** If only it were a quieter place to live.
9. I forgot his name.	**I.** I wish I could see them every weekend.
10. The destination is too far.	**J.** If only it worked properly today.

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