

TRUE / FALSE GUIDED DISCOVERY (*WISH AND IF ONLY*) Page 170

Task 1: Target Sentences Analysis

Study these 5 sentences from page 97:

1. *I **wish** I **had** the ability to make other people understand.*
2. *If only I **could turn** anything into any kind of food I wanted.*
3. *I **wish** I'd **had** that power earlier in my career.*
4. *I **wish** they'd **stop** looking at me in that confused way!*
5. *If only our plane **had arrived** on time!*

Task 2: True or False Guided Discovery

Based on the 5 sentences above and the rules on page 97, determine whether statements 1–6 are **True (T)** or **False (F)**. If false, correct the statement.

- 1. We use **wish / if only + past tense** (as in sentence 1) to talk about a situation in the present that we want to be different.
 - [TRUE / FALSE]
- 2. **If only** has a completely different meaning from **wish**, and cannot be used interchangeably in most contexts.
 - [TRUE / FALSE]
- 3. We use **wish / if only + could + infinitive** (as in sentence 2) to talk about an ability or possibility we would like to have in the present.
 - [TRUE / FALSE]
- 4. We use **wish / if only + past perfect** (as in sentences 3 and 5) to express a regret about a situation in the present.
 - [TRUE / FALSE]
- 5. We use **wish / if only + someone/something + would + infinitive** (as in sentence 4) when we are dissatisfied or complaining, and we want someone else (or a thing) to act to change a situation.
 - [TRUE / FALSE]
- 6. We normally use **wish + will / would** to talk about future hopes (e.g., "*I wish we'll see you soon*").
 - [TRUE / FALSE]

Task 3: Formality & Style Notes

- **Formality Rule:** As with conditionals, we can use **were/was** instead of **was/were** after **wish / if only** in present situations (e.g., "*I wish Martin **weren't** always so busy*"). This sounds **more formal**.

ANSWER KEY: PRESENTATION HANDOUT (*WISH AND IF ONLY*)

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Task 2: True or False Guided Discovery Answers

- 1. We use **wish / if only + past tense** (as in sentence 1) to talk about a situation in the present that we want to be different.
 - **Answer: TRUE**
- 2. **If only** has a completely different meaning from **wish**, and cannot be used interchangeably in most contexts.
 - **Answer: FALSE**
 - **Correction / Explanation:** The basic meaning of *wish* and *if only* is the same, but **if only** is stronger.
- 3. We use **wish / if only + could + infinitive** (as in sentence 2) to talk about an ability or possibility we would like to have in the present.
 - **Answer: TRUE**
- 4. We use **wish / if only + past perfect** (as in sentences 3 and 5) to express a regret about a situation in the present.
 - **Answer: FALSE**
 - **Correction / Explanation:** We use past perfect to talk about a situation in the **past** that we want to be different.
- 5. We use **wish / if only + someone/something + would + infinitive** (as in sentence 4) when we are dissatisfied or complaining, and we want someone else (or a thing) to act to change a situation.
 - **Answer: TRUE**
- 6. We normally use **wish + will / would** to talk about future hopes (e.g., "*I wish we'll see you soon*").
 - **Answer: FALSE**
 - **Correction / Explanation:** We do not normally use *wish* to talk about the future; we use **hope** instead (e.g., "*We **hope** that we'll see you again soon*").

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- **Formality Rule:** As with conditionals, we can use **were** instead of **was** after *wish / if only* in present situations (e.g., "*I wish Martin **weren't** always so busy*"). This sounds **more formal**.