

1 Write sentences beginning *If only* or *I wish*.

- The radio doesn't work. *I wish the radio worked.* OR *If only the radio worked!*
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| 1 He smokes. | | |
| 2 I don't speak Russian. | | |
| 3 I haven't got a car. | | |
| 4 I'm not hard-working | | |
| 5 I'm bad at sport. | | |
| 6 I don't like dancing. | | |
| 7 It rains all the time. | | |
| 8 She works on Sundays. | | |
| 9 I can't eat eggs. | | |

We use **would** ... after **wish** / **if only** to talk about things that we **would** like people or things (not) to do. This often expresses dissatisfaction or annoyance: it can sound **critical**.

I wish this damned car would start. If only it would stop raining!

2 Write sentences with *If only* ... **would** or *I wish* ... **would**

- Somebody won't stop talking. *I wish he would stop talking.*
OR *If only he would stop talking!*
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| 1 It's not snowing. | | |
| 2 The phone keeps ringing. | | |
| 3 The baby won't stop crying. | | |
| 4 The kettle won't boil. | | |
| 5 The traffic lights won't go green. | | |
| 6 Frank hasn't written. | | |
| 7 Patrick hasn't found a job. | | |
| 8 The exam results haven't arrived. | | |
| 9 Spring hasn't come. | | |