

**a Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.**

I wish I hadn't lent Gary that money now. Who knows when he'll pay it back? (not lend)

- 1 It's high time the government \_\_\_\_\_ that most people disagree with their education policy. (realize)
- 2 My wife would rather we \_\_\_\_\_ a flat nearer the city centre, but we can't afford it. (buy)
- 3 I wish you \_\_\_\_\_ to stay a bit longer last night – we were having such a good time! (be able)
- 4 Would you rather we \_\_\_\_\_ the subject now? (not discuss)
- 5 I think it's time the company \_\_\_\_\_ expecting us to do overtime for no extra pay. (stop)
- 6 If only I \_\_\_\_\_ a bit more when I was earning a salary, I wouldn't be so hard up now. (save)
- 7 I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ me in cash, please. (pay)
- 8 If only we \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the shop, we could google it and see where it is. (know)
- 9 Do you wish you \_\_\_\_\_ to university or are you glad you left school and started work? (go)

**b Complete the sentences using the bold word or phrase.**

The children ought to go to bed. It's nine o'clock. **time**  
It's time the children went to bed. It's nine o'clock.

- 1 I'd prefer you not to wear shoes in the living room, if you don't mind. **rather**  
\_\_\_\_\_, if you don't mind.
- 2 I would like to be able to afford to travel more. **wish**  
\_\_\_\_\_ travel more.
- 3 We shouldn't have painted the room blue – it looks awful **if only**  
\_\_\_\_\_ – it looks awful!
- 4 Don't you think you should start looking for your own flat? **time**  
Don't you think \_\_\_\_\_ for your own flat?
- 5 He's so rude, he's really difficult to work with. **if only**  
\_\_\_\_\_, he'd be easier to work with.
- 6 Would you prefer us to come another day? **rather**  
\_\_\_\_\_ another day?
- 7 I should have bought the tickets last week. They would have been cheaper then. **wish**  
\_\_\_\_\_ last week.  
They would have been cheaper then.
- 8 It's really inconvenient when he turns up without letting us know. **if only**  
\_\_\_\_\_ before he turns up.