

5B Homework

1 GRAMMAR *wish + would*

a Use the words to write sentences with *wish + would*.

1 I / that man / stop coughing

I wish that man would stop coughing.

2 I / you / wash the dishes

3 I / my sister / not borrow / my clothes

4 I / our neighbors / not park / outside our house

5 I / my grandma / get a hearing aid

6 I / the bus / come

b Write sentences with *wish + would*.

1 My boss really annoys me. She shouts all the time.

I wish *my boss wouldn't shout all the time*

2 I'm fed up with my brother using my computer.

I wish _____.

3 I'm really angry. You never help with the housework.

I wish _____ sometimes.

4 I can't stand it when my son stays in bed all day.

I wish _____.

5 My ex-boyfriend is driving me crazy! He calls me every day.

I wish _____.

6 I hate it when you leave the bathroom messy.

I wish _____.

2 VOCABULARY

-ed / -ing adjectives and related verbs

Complete the sentences with an adjective or a verb made from the word in **bold**.

- 1 These dark, winter days are very depressing.
depress
- 2 Taking care of my sister's three small children is _____ for my parents. **exhaust**
- 3 She's a little bit _____ right now because she has too much work. **stress**
- 4 It really _____ me when people talk loudly on their cell phones. **infuriate**
- 5 Ethan was so _____ when he failed his driver's test. **disappoint**
- 6 I can't find my passport, which is a little _____. **worry**
- 7 My girlfriend is scared of flying. The idea of getting on a plane _____ her. **terrify**
- 8 We were _____ when we received a surprise visit from some old friends. **delight**
- 9 My son is a terrible loser. Not winning something really _____ him. **frustrate**
- 10 I was so _____ when I called your boyfriend by the wrong name. **embarrass**
- 11 It _____ me when my husband asks me where his clothes are. **annoy**
- 12 His first visit to the theater _____ him to take up acting. **inspire**

3 READING

- a Read the article. Complete it with the missing sentences.

- ~~A When journalist Kathryn Schulz was 29, she decided to get a tattoo~~
 B Since then, Ms. Schulz has found two ways of dealing with her regret
 C Apart from these four components, Ms. Schulz also felt pain
 D Despite not having the effect that she had intended, Ms. Schulz's tattoo has served to remind her of something else
 E Ms. Schulz experienced all four components of regret that night
 F Ms. Schulz's tattoo is a compass

- b Read the whole text again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

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| 1 Kathryn Schulz had had no regrets until she got a tattoo. | <u> T </u> |
| 2 The first emotion Ms. Schulz felt that night was a kind of confusion. | <u> </u> |
| 3 By the time she got home, her wrist had stopped hurting. | <u> </u> |
| 4 Ms. Schulz isn't the only American who regrets having a tattoo. | <u> </u> |
| 5 In Ms. Schulz's opinion, regret usually disappears over time. | <u> </u> |
| 6 When Ms. Schulz shows people her tattoo, they are usually horrified. | <u> </u> |
| 7 Ms. Schultz wanted a tattoo that reminded her of the places she traveled to. | <u> </u> |
| 8 She thinks regrets teach us to accept our mistakes. | <u> </u> |

Reading: Don't regret regrets

1 A Unfortunately, she regretted getting it as soon as she left the tattoo shop. Until then, she had been proud of leading a life without regrets. She had gone through life working on the **principle** that you should always look forward and never look back. But that night, she remembers feeling regret for the very first time.

2. ____ The first one was **denial** and she spent the first few hours saying to herself, "Make it go away!" The second was a feeling of **bewilderment** in which she kept on asking herself, "How could I have done that?" The third was a desire to punish herself, something along the lines of "I could kick myself." The fourth is something that psychologists call perseveration. This is the habit of focussing **obsessively** and **repeatedly** on the exact same thing. A person who is feeling regret has the first three components going around in their head again and again.

3. ____ not only the physical pain of her tattooed wrist, but the emotional pain of knowing that she had done something incredibly stupid.

4. ____ The first is to take comfort in the fact that she is not alone. Figures show that around 17 % of Americans regret getting tattoos at some point in their lives. The second is to learn to laugh at herself. Humor and black humor play a fundamental role in helping us **come to terms with** our regret. Apart from that, Ms. Schulz recognizes the **value** of sitting back and waiting for the pain of regret to go away. Time heals all wounds as the saying goes, and in the case of regret, this is most certainly true.

5. ____ Most people who see it are disappointed, because they don't think it is that bad; the problem is that she doesn't like it. She got the tattoo when she was traveling and she was worried that she would forget some of the lessons that she had learned during that time. It is a lesson that she wants to share with other people. For her the compass represented the two ideas in one image.

6. ____ It reminds her how important it is to keep on exploring, and **simultaneously** how important it is to know where you're heading in life. Ms. Schulz believes that if we have **goals** and dreams and if we love people, we should feel pain when things go wrong. In her view, we need to learn to love the **flawed** things that we create and to be able to forgive ourselves for creating them. Ms. Schulz says that her experience has taught her that regret doesn't exist to remind us that we did badly; instead it is there to remind us that we know that we can do better.

c Look at the highlighted words and phrases in the text and try to figure out their meaning. Then match them to definitions 1–10.

- 1 happening many times _____
- 2 a refusal to accept that something unpleasant has happened _____
- 3 with a mistake which means that it is not perfect _____
- 4 happening at exactly the same time as something else _____
- 5 purposes or aims _____
- 6 thinking too much about one particular thing _____
- 7 the importance of something _____
- 8 accept something unpleasant or difficult _____
- 9 confusion and surprise _____
- 10 a basic general idea _____

4 GRAMMAR

wish + simple past or past perfect

Complete the sentences with the simple past or past perfect form of a verb from the box.

not be can not eat get up have
live offer not spent not work wear

- 1 Public transportation is terrible around here. I wish I had a car.
- 2 I miss my parents. I wish they _____ nearby.
- 3 I'm going to be late. I wish I _____ earlier.
- 4 I hardly ever see my boyfriend. I wish he _____ on the weekends.
- 5 I'm really disappointed. I wish they _____ me the job.
- 6 I'd love to live in Paris. I wish I _____ speak French.
- 7 I'm broke. I wish I _____ all my money.
- 8 The weekend has flown by. I wish it _____ Monday tomorrow.
- 9 I feel sick. I wish I _____ that seafood last night.
- 10 I'm cold. I wish I _____ a sweater.