If only... I wish...

Meaning:

*We use **I wish** ... and **If only** ... when we _____ something or when we would like something to be _____ than the way it is.*

1. All of these sentences are hypothetical. That is they imagine changing a fact. Write what the fact is and then decide if the sentences are about the present or past.

Sentence	Fact	Present	Past
I wish I knew the answer.	You do not know the answer	√	
If only I could come.			
If only I'd told the truth.			
If I didn't get so nervous, I'd get better results.			
If you'd helped us, we'd have finished by now.			
I wish I spoke French well.			
I wish you would speak to him.			

Source: New Headway Upper Intermediate P.94

2. **If only** is **MORE** / **LESS** emphatic (stronger feeling) than **I wish**.

Form:

1. **Past Simple** or **Past Perfect**? Write the correct verb tense on the line.

	Regrets in the present	Regrets in the past
Example	I wish I had more money. If only I lived closer to the beach.	I wish I'd gone to the party. If only I'd been a better friend.
Form	Wish + If only	Wish + If only

2. Complete this explanation.

When talking about unreal situations or things that will probably not happen we use would + the _____ tense is used to `distance' our language from reality. (Practical English Usage, Swan 2016)

Pronunciation: 1. Choose the correct stress: 2. What does the contraction mean?

   ■   ■   ■
a. I wish I'd gone to the party.

   ■   ■
b. I wish I'd gone to the party.

I'd =
I would
I had

Appropriacy:

1. Although both are correct, which is more formal?
   a) I wish I were taller.

   b) I wish I was taller.