

I wish I were a better student

# WISHES AND REGRETS

**GRAMMAR PRACTICE:** Read the sentences and choose the correct answer.



- Edwin wishes he didn't have / doesn't have so many problems at home.
- I wish I lived / had lived in another safer country.
- If only she had gone / have gone to the doctor she would be fine.
- If only we had / have less homework.
- Emerson wishes he didn't return / doesn't return home late from work every day.
- If only you saw / didn't see your daughter more often, she really miss you.
- Diego wishes he had learned / have learn a second language as a child.
- If only I had gone / were to San Andres for my holiday.
- I wish you were / are here for my birthday.
- If only I didn't have / hadn't to go to work today.
- I wish that my neighbors didn't make / had make so much noise.
- If only she hadn't left / wasn't leave her phone at home.



Read the letter from a man in prison to his wife and choose the correct word on the letter.

**My dearest Monique**

I can't begin to tell you how much I miss you. If only I didn't listen / hadn't listened to Tommy Evans all those months ago when he said he wanted a driver to take him to the airport. Obviously, I wish the police didn't catch / hadn't caught us at the warehouse, but I wish even more that I didn't believe / hadn't believed his story.



Well, I'm here now, and I suppose I'm lucky that it's only for two years, I just wish that I am / was closer to home. If only you could visit / could have visited me more often, then I'm sure life would be easier.

Things aren't too bad here, really. I can work during the day and the evenings are ok, but the nights are awful – I really wish the other prisoners would make / wouldn't make so much noise at night, and I wish I can / could get some more sleep.

Well, I'd better go. It's time I join / to join the others for "evening activities". I do enjoy getting letters from you and I wish you would write / write to me more often. I hope that I'll see you soon, but I'd rather you don't bring / you didn't bring the children – I don't want them to see me here.

**Reorder each of the following sentences.**

1. Wish / away / office / I / so / was / not / my / for / my

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2. Now / I / there / you / wish / I / could / be / for

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3. English / to / knew / only / how / If / I / speak

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4. Followed / your / If / had / only / advice / I

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5. Night / I / so / had / many / chicken / not / last / I / wish / eaten

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6. Married / had / If / were / only / when / to / her / more / I / listened / we

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