I wish / if only

There are three distinct types of _I wish / if only_ sentences (*__If only__ can be more **emphatic** than I wish_):
1) Wish, wanting change for the present or future with the simple past.
2) Regret with the past perfect.
3) Complains with _would_ + verb.

1) Expressing a wish:
   Use: To express a wish in the present or in the future. The simple past here is an unreal past.

Form:	**If only / I wish** + simple past

e.g., If only I _knew_ how to use a computer. (I don't know how to use a computer and I would like to learn how to use it)
*When you use the verb to be the form is "were". e.g., I wish I _were_ a millionaire!

2) Expressing a regret: **Use:** To express a regret. The action is past.

Form:	**If only / I wish** + past perfect

e.g., If only I _had woken up_ early. (I didn't wake up early and I missed my bus.)

3) Complaining: **Use:** To complain about a behavior that you disapprove. Expressing impatience, annoyance or dissatisfaction with a present action.

Form:	**If only / I wish** + would + verb

e.g., I wish you _wouldn't arrive_ so late all the time.
   (I'm annoyed because you always come late and I want you to arrive on time)

Wishes about the present

We use wish with past Tense forms (simple and continuous) to express regret about present situations:
- I wish I _was_ taller = (I'm not very tall)
- I wish I _was going_ with you = (but I'm not)

I wish you _were_ more help. = (you are not) _I wish I were_ can replace _I wish I was_.
To many people, _I wish I were_ sounds more correct: I wish _I were_ taller.

We use wish with _could_ to express a wish for a present situation to be different:
I wish I _could_ use a computer well. (X I wish I would tell her about it.) I wish I _could_ tell her about it.

Task: Write the sentences:
1. I don't know the answer. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
2. I'm not good at sports. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
3. I'm not going with you. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
4. I can't give you an answer. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
5. Your talking irritates me. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____(be quiet)
6. I didn't know you then. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
7. I wasn't able to explain that rule. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
8. You are constantly talking. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____(stop)
9. They are arguing! ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____(stop)
10. The car is going too slow. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____(faster)
11. I took your advice. Now I regret it. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
12. She wasn't able to come. ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
13. I haven't got much money! ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____(more)
14. Unfortunately, I'm not going on holiday with you! ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
15. You aren't here! What a shame! ➔ _If only / I wish_ _____
16. There is no sun! It's so gloomy. ➔ _If only / I wish_ the sun _____ (come out)!
17. I didn't listen to you. I regret it now. ➔ _If only / I wish_ the sun _____