

FIRST CERTIFICATE LANGUAGE PRACTICE

1 Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

- 1 I wish Peter *doesn't live* / *didn't live* / *wouldn't live* so far away from the town centre.
We'll have to take a taxi.
- 2 I feel rather cold. I wish I *brought* / *had brought* my pullover with me.
- 3 What a pity! I wish we *don't have to* / *didn't have to* / *wouldn't have to* leave.
- 4 I wish you *tell* / *told* / *had told* me about the test. I haven't done any revision.
- 5 I wish the people next door *hadn't made* / *wouldn't make* / *couldn't make* so much noise. I can't hear myself think!
- 6 Darling, I love you so much! I wish we *are* / *had been* / *would be* / *could be* together always!
- 7 I'm sorry I missed your birthday party. I really wish I *come* / *came* / *had come* / *would come*.
- 8 I like my new boss but I wish she *gave* / *would give* / *could give* me some more responsibility.
- 9 Having a lovely time in Brighton. I wish you *are* / *were* / *had been* here.
- 10 This car was a complete waste of money. I wish I *didn't buy* / *hadn't bought* it.

2 Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

- 1 This train journey seems endless! I wish we (go) *had gone* by car.
- 2 I wish I (have) the money to buy some new clothes, but I can't afford any at the moment.
- 3 I wish the government (do) something about the pollution here.
- 4 I'm getting really soaked! I wish I (not forget) my umbrella.
- 5 I wish you (not do) that! It's a really annoying habit.
- 6 That was a lovely meal, but I wish I (not eat) so much.
- 7 I wish I (study) harder for my exams. I'm not going to pass.
- 8 I wish you (not leave) your dirty shoes in your bedroom!
- 9 I'm afraid I have no idea where Pat has gone. I wish I (know)
- 10 I really enjoyed our trip to the theatre. I wish we (go) more often.

3 Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

- 1 Sorry to ask you, but I'd rather you *pay* / *paid* me in advance.
- 2 Imagine you *live* / *lived* in New York. How would you feel?
- 3 If only I *have* / *had* / *would have* a screwdriver with me.
- 4 If you want to catch the last train, it's time you *leave* / *left*.
- 5 I'd rather you *don't* / *didn't* tell anyone about our conversation.
- 6 I feel really tired. If only I *didn't stay up* / *hadn't stayed up* so late last night.
- 7 If you don't mind, I'd sooner you *practised* / *had practised* / *would practise* your violin somewhere else.
- 8 It's high time you *learn* / *learned* to look after yourself.
- 9 Jean thinks that everyone likes her. If only she *knows* / *knew* what people say behind her back!
- 10 I'd rather we *stay* / *stayed* at home this Christmas for a change.

4 Look carefully at each line. Some of the lines are correct, and some have a word which should not be there. Tick each correct line. If a line has a word which should not be there, write the word in the space.

Losing your memory

Imagine it that one day you woke up and discovered that you had completely lost your memory. How would you have feel exactly? I have thought about this recently after I was involved in a traffic accident. I woke up in hospital, and said to myself 'It's the time I got up and have went to school!' I soon realized my mistake. A nurse came in and asked to me what my name was. I thought about it for a moment and then said, 'I would wish I knew!' Then I tried to get up. 'I'd rather prefer you didn't do that,' said the nurse. 'Don't worry you'll have it your memory back soon.' 'I wish you hadn't have said that,' I replied. 'Now I am really worried! If I hadn't looked in my wallet, I wouldn't have been known my own name!' Unfortunately my memory soon came back, and I realized I had a maths test the next day!

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5 Put each verb in brackets into a suitable verb form.

- 1 What can we do to get in touch with Robert? If only we (know) knew..... his phone number.
- 2 Come on children! It's time you (be) in bed.
- 3 Actually I'd rather you (not smoke) in here.
- 4 Suppose you (see) a ghost. What would you do?
- 5 I'm so annoyed about breaking my leg. If only I (be) more careful!
- 6 It's high time you (start) working more seriously.
- 7 I'd rather you (not put) your coffee on top of my book.
- 8 I've no idea where we are! If only we (have) a map.
- 9 Your hair is rather long. Don't you think it's time you (have) a haircut?
- 10 Visiting museums is interesting, but I'd sooner we (go) swimming.

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6 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given.

- 1 It would be nice to be able to play the piano.
could
I wish I *could play* the piano.
- 2 Please don't eat in the classroom.
you
I'd rather classroom.
- 3 I think we should leave now.
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I think it's
- 4 What a pity we ate all the food.
only
If all the food!
- 5 It's a shame we don't have a video.
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- 6 Don't shout all the time, it's so annoying!
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- 7 I don't want you to buy me a present.
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- 8 I don't like being so tall.
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- 9 We ought to start work now.
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- 10 I regret not going to university.
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