

Expressing wishes & regrets: I wish / If only

Exercise: Rewrite these sentences using the words given to express wishes/ regrets

- 1) I don't have enough money to buy this laptop.
⇒ I wish
- 2) I can't buy this mobile phone. It's too expensive!
⇒ I wish
- 3) I didn't take my mother's advice. Now I regret it!
If only
- 4) I ate so much and I feel sick now.
If only
- 5) I'm so sorry, my friend! I really want to help you but I can't. ⇒ I wish
- 6) His scooter was stolen because he didn't lock it. ⇒ If only
- 7) My uncle got married with a French woman. ⇒ My uncle wishes
- 8) I wasted my time surfing the Internet. Now, I have no time to revise for the exam..
⇒ I wish

Remember: *I wish* *or* *If only*

To express a wish or regret, we need to Change the **verb tense**: Present ⇒ Past simple -1

Past ⇒ Past perfect

... (and **Modals**: (will ⇒ would) - (can ⇒ could) (Switch from negative to **affirmative** (and vice versa -2
(+ ⇒ -) / (- ⇒ +)

1 + 2 = I don't know it ⇒ I know ⇒ I wish I knew it.

EXERCISE2:

- 1- You did not go to the concert yesterday.
..... I wish
- 2- You want to buy an expensive car but you are not rich .
..... If only
- 3- You don't know the way because you don't have a map .
..... I wish
- 4- I don't have enough money to buy this laptop.
..... If only
- 5- I can't buy this mobile phone. It's too expensive!
..... I wish
- 6- I didn't take my mother's advice. Now I regret it!
..... I wish
- 7- I ate so much and I feel sick now.
..... I wish
- 8- I didn't watch that amazing film yesterday.
..... If only
- 9- My friend is very talkative.
..... I wish my friend
- 10- I wasted my time surfing the Internet. Now, I have no time to revise for the exam.
..... I wish
- 11- My favourite soccer team loses continuously.
..... I wish
- 12- I didn't study hard enough for the final exam.
..... If only