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.

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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.
we
I think it's ..... left.

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.
wish
I ..... a video.

6 Don't shout all the time, it's so annoying!
wouldn't
I ..... shout all the time!

7 I don't want you to buy me a present.
sooner
I'd ..... buy me a present.

8 I don't like being so tall.
wish
I ..... so tall.

9 We ought to start work now.
started
It's ..... work.

10 I regret not going to university.
had
I ..... to university.

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