

VOCABULARY

ADJECTIVES FOR STORIES

1 Put the letters in bold in the correct order to make adjectives. The first letter is underlined.

- The film ending was very **rdaicmta** d*r*a*m*a*t*i*c* – I could hardly watch it.
- That play was absolutely **hrailoisu** _____ . I nearly cried with laughing.
- The life of Gandhi is very **isnrjnigp** _____ .
- I found that poem about war very **tpoiangn** _____ .
- Jane is very **tnnseei** _____ – she's very focused when she speaks to you.
- Brian finished his 3,000 word film review last night – that's **kareblmear** _____ !
- I really liked the end of the film, the special effects were **dibleejncr** _____ .
- The story of the children was very **gimonv** _____ – it nearly made me cry.

GRAMMAR

I WISH, IF ONLY

2 A Complete the survey results with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. In some sentences you need to make the verb negative.

no regrets
HOME
NEWS
SURVEY
SEARCH

Regrets, we've had a few ...

A survey of over-30s suggests that many people share the same regrets about the past. Some of the results are unsurprising, but others are unexpected. The top regrets are:

- One in ten people wishes they ¹ _____ (work) abroad at some stage in their life.
- Just under a quarter of people wish they ² _____ (save) more money in their twenties.
- A quarter of people wish they ³ _____ (begin) smoking.
- Nearly a third of people wish they ⁴ _____ (pay) more attention at school.
- One in three people wishes that they ⁵ _____ (get married) so young.
- Many people wish they ⁶ _____ (leave) full-time education so early and regret that they didn't go to university.
- Almost a half of people wish they ⁷ _____ (learn) a musical instrument.
- The top regret of all? Nearly half of people wish they ⁸ _____ (travel) more when they were younger.

B Tick the items you also regret.

3 A 3.3 Listen and underline the alternative you hear.

- I wish I *had*/I'd *had* more money.
- I wish I'd/you'd worked harder at school.
- I wish it *would* stop/it *had* stopped raining.
- If only we've/'d told her.
- If only we *went*/'d *gone* to the party.
- If only you'd/*hadn't* turned it off.

B Listen again and repeat. Pay attention to the stress and the contractions: 'd /əd/ and *hadn't* /'hædn̩t/.

4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first. Use between two and five words including the word given.

- She can't stand the way the press keep asking her about her private life.
STOP
She wishes the press _____ about her private life.
- I'd prefer to be at home right now; it's too cold here.
HOME
I wish _____ right now; it's too cold here.
- It's terrible – we owe so much money!
ONLY
If _____ so much money.
- They didn't tell him the cost before he started the treatment.
TOLD
If _____ him the cost of the treatment before he started it.
- I hate it when you interrupt me.
ME
I wish _____.
- That's a great idea! Why didn't I think of it?
WISH
I _____ of that idea.
- Wayne wishes he'd kept his temper.
KEPT
If only Wayne _____ his temper.
- I can't see anything from here.
SEE
If only _____ from here.
- Unfortunately, we don't have enough time.
MORE
If _____ time.
- You just didn't listen to me!
LISTENED
I wish _____ to me!