

GRAMMAR - DICTATION

NAME: _____ DATE: _____

UNREAL PAST / WOULD RATHER-HAD BETTER

1. Choose the correct answer.

1. Valerie speaks _____ she were in charge.
a. As b. as though
2. It's time for you _____ what you want to do.
a. To decide b. decided
3. I wish that couple next door _____ stop shouting.
a. Will b. would
4. Supposing it _____ when we're camping, what would we do?
a. Rains b. rained
5. If only I _____ the bus this morning.
a. didn't miss b. hadn't missed
6. I wish I _____ speak Italian.
a. Could b. would
7. If she _____ so stressed, she'd do better in her exams.
a. Weren't b. hadn't been
8. I'd rather you _____ me earlier that there's a problem with the computer.
a. Told b. had told
9. I think you'd better not _____ out in this weather. You'll catch a cold.
a. Go b. to go
10. I'd rather _____ somewhere else for my holidays last summer.

- a. Have gone b. had gone
11. I'd rather _____ to her than hurt her feelings.
- a. To lie b. lie
12. You'd better _____ a word about this to David.
- a. Don't say b. not say
13. It would have been better if we _____ the bus.
- a. Took b. had taken
14. You know, I'd rather you _____ in here.
- a. Didn't smoke b. not smoke
15. I'd rather _____ that horrible film last night.
- a. Not have watched b. have not watched
16. It's about time you _____ looking for a job.
- a. Started b. start
17. I'd rather my parents _____ me a new phone for Christmas.
- a. Buy b. bought
18. I wish we _____ to the party tonight.
- a. Went b. were going
19. If you _____ the teacher wouldn't have punished you.
- a. Hadn't cheated b. didn't teach
20. If only I _____ so shy. Then I'd have more friends.
- a. Am not b. weren't