

INTERMEDIATE 1

LESSON 16 IF ONLY AND I WISH

EXERCISE 1

Complete the statements with the verbs from the box in their **Past Simple form**.

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1. I wish I _____ a different job. I don't the one I have now.
2. If only I _____ near the sea. I love to swim.
3. I wish Antonio _____ in love with me. I like him so much.
4. If only Pedro _____ my apology.
5. It's cold today. I wish it _____ warmer.
6. If only I _____ a boat. We could go sailing.
7. It looks like it's going to rain. If only I _____ an umbrella.
8. I wish I _____ the answer, but I don't.

EXERCISE 2

Change each sentence into a **wish** about the present.

Example: I want to speak English fluently.

I wish I spoke English fluently.

1. I want to be allowed to go on holiday with my friends.

I wish

2. I want to have a big TV.

If only

3. I want to live in a palace.

I wish

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4. I want to have curly hair.

If only

5. I want to look more handsome.

I wish

6. I want to live with my brother.

If only

EXERCISE 3

Complete the regrets with the **past perfect** of the verbs in brackets.

1. I wish I _____ (**wake up**) early this morning because I was late for work.
2. If only I _____ (**go**) to Greece for my last holiday.
3. I wish I _____ (**not make**) so much food. Nobody ate it.
4. If only I _____ (**buy**) a faster car. This one is too slow.
5. I wish I _____ (**do**) my homework earlier.
6. If only I _____ (**learn**) a second language when I was a child.

EXERCISE 4

Read the sentences and decide if it's about the present or past.

1. I wish I had taken a longer holiday.
2. If only I had listened to my parents.
3. I wish I were good at magic.
4. If only I worked in the city.
5. I wish I were better at cooking.
6. If only I hadn't left my phone at the park.

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