

## 1 VOCABULARY: Commenting on mistakes

A Find words in the word search.

h	a	r	d	b	c	h	j	u	i	b
u	a	b	z	k	j	l	c	o	n	a
r	c	u	f	l	w	b	m	p	c	w
r	v	d	k	i	a	s	n	k	o	k
y	e	j	y	t	t	i	m	i	m	w
d	u	m	b	s	c	l	d	c	p	a
h	f	o	g	e	h	l	o	k	e	r
i	w	v	w	q	r	y	t	p	t	d
x	g	e	h	f	a	u	l	t	e	q
f	u	n	n	y	w	c	u	s	n	r
u	n	f	o	r	t	u	n	a	t	e

awkward  
fault  
hard  
incompetent  
move  
unfortunate

dumb  
funny side  
hurry  
kick yourself  
silly  
watch



B Complete the sentences with words from exercise 1A.

- 1 She showed little thought and judgment when she did that. It was a/an silly mistake.
- 2 You are going to spill the milk if you don't watch what you're doing.
- 3 Slow down. You're in too much of a/an hurry and you might make a mistake.
- 4 She found herself in a/an awkward situation when she forgot his name.
- 5 It's your own fault that you lost your phone.
- 6 Lucky for me, he saw the funny side of my error.
- 7 I learned the hard way that going to school and working at the same time is challenging.
- 8 You know you'll kick yourself if you forget to do it, so just do it now!
- 9 It was a bad move on my part for getting involved.
- 10 I know you need the money, but I think selling your favorite watch is a/an unfortunate thing to do.
- 11 She described him as being totally incompetent at his job. He wasn't able to do the simplest task.
- 12 It was unfortunate that it rained during their game.

## 2 GRAMMAR: Wishes and regrets

A Circle the correct words or phrases to complete the sentences. Then write if the sentences express present or past wishes.

- 1 If only I could / can play the piano! present
- 2 I wish I taught / was teaching in that other school again. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 I wish she attends / had attended the meeting. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 If only they have / had been more careful. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 I wish you could / can see the movie with us. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 If only someone had taught / was teaching me this when I was younger. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 I wish I talked / had talked to her yesterday. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 I wish I was going / can go on vacation with them. \_\_\_\_\_

B Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

go    grow    have    know    leave    perform    stop    study

- 1 I wish that I wasn't studying art history.
- 2 If only someone had \_\_\_\_\_ her from getting up on the stage and embarrassing herself.
- 3 I wish I had \_\_\_\_\_ a little sister when I was growing up.
- 4 Tomas wishes he could \_\_\_\_\_ vegetables in his garden, but it is too small.
- 5 If only I \_\_\_\_\_ how to use a computer, I'd be doing a different job.
- 6 If only he \_\_\_\_\_ the house earlier, he wouldn't be stuck in a traffic jam.
- 7 I wish I could \_\_\_\_\_ on vacation with you next week, but I'm busy.
- 8 Amelia wishes she was \_\_\_\_\_ in the school play this year.

## 3 GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

A For each conversation, comment on mistakes using the phrase in parentheses. Then finish each response with a wish or regret.

- 1 A I made a big mistake yesterday when I quit my job.  
B That was a bad move . (be a bad move)  
A You're right. I wish I hadn't quit my job .
- 2 A I need to rush, or I'll be in trouble for being late.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ . (be your own fault)  
A You're right. If only my boss \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 3 A I think I'm going to demand a big pay raise.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ . (be a dumb thing to do)  
A You're right. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 4 A I couldn't find my train ticket, so I had to buy another one.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ . (be unfortunate)  
A I know. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 5 A He needs more training. He cannot do what I ask him to do.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ . (be incompetent)  
A You're right. I wish he \_\_\_\_\_ .
- 6 A It was difficult starting my own business because I didn't get any help.  
B I bet \_\_\_\_\_ . (learn sth the hard way)  
A You're right. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ .