



I WISH, IF ONLY



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Warm up

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. What is something you wish you could do better?
2. Do you wish you could speak another language fluently? If so, which one and why?
3. If only you had one superpower, what would it be and why?
4. If only you could meet anyone from history, who would it be and what would you ask them?





2 Language point: wish, if only (theory)

We use **I wish ...** and **If only ...** when we regret something or when we would like something to be different from the way it is. Study the boxes below.

I wish I knew her name. If only I knew her name.

= I don't know her name and I regret this.

- After **I wish** and **if only**, we use a past tense (I knew) to refer to an imaginary or hypothetical situation in the present. The meaning is not past.

If only I had a bigger house.

I wish you weren't so angry all the time.

Do you wish you lived in another country?

- When we regret something that happened in the past we use the structure **I wish / If only + past perfect**.

I wish you had called me yesterday. If only you had called me yesterday.

= you didn't call me yesterday and I regret this

I wish I hadn't gone out last night.

If only you had come to my party last weekend.

Do you wish you hadn't told him?





Things to remember

- After I wish and If only we can say *were/weren't* instead of *was/wasn't*.

I wish I was home now. I wish I were home now.

- If we wish something to be different in the future we can use *wish* or *if only* with *would*.

I wish he would stop talking!

If only he would stop talking!

- We can say *'d* instead of *had* or *would*

I wish I'd stayed (= had stayed) at home.

I wish he'd stop (= would stop) talking.

- ***If only*** is usually stronger than ***I wish***.



**3 Language point: wish, if only (practice)**

Part A: Look at the 'unpleasant' situations below. Write a sentence with 'I wish ...' like in the example.

1. You don't live in a hot country.

2. Your best friend isn't here.

3. You are not tall enough.

4. You can't sing.

5. You don't have internet access.

6. You are stuck in traffic.

7. You don't have any coffee.

8. You live in a noisy district.

9. It is very cold today.

Part B: There are many situations in Mary's life which she would like to be different in the future. Read the situations below and complete her thoughts with 'would'/'wouldn't', using the following ideas.

quit his job / stay at home / stop arguing / stop raining / turn down the music

1. The cafe where she goes to have a coffee and read a book is very loud.

2. Her best friends can never agree on anything.

3. She often wants to go out, but the weather is usually bad.

4. Her best friend has been complaining about his job for years.

5. Her boyfriend goes out with his friends too much.



Part C: Imagine that you are in the situations below and you regret them. Complete your thoughts.

1. You told your friend Mark about your secret. Now everybody knows.

2. You lost your credit card.

3. When you were younger, you didn't learn any foreign languages.

4. You invited your crazy friend Sam to your birthday party. That was a big mistake.

5. You forgot to set your alarm clock. You woke up very late and missed an important meeting.

6. You ate too much and now you are feeling a little sick.

7. You did not study hard enough for your exams.

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Reading comprehension

Read the text about Sophia's travel (pages five and six). Choose the correct answer.



The Wishful Traveler

Dreams, challenges, and reflections across Europe

1. Sophia had always dreamed of seeing the world. Ever since she was a child, she spent hours looking at maps and reading about faraway places. Now, at 25, she had finally saved enough money to go on her first big adventure. She booked a three-month trip to Europe and couldn't wait to experience everything she had read about.
2. However, as her departure date approached, Sophia started feeling nervous. "I wish I had more time to plan," she thought. She realized there were so many things she hadn't considered, like how to communicate in different languages or how to navigate unfamiliar cities. "If only I had started preparing earlier," she said to herself.
3. Her first stop was Paris. As soon as she arrived, she was enchanted by the beauty of the city. She spent her days visiting museums, walking along the Seine, and enjoying French cuisine. Yet, despite her excitement, she felt a little lonely. "I wish I had a friend to share this with," she often thought. She met other travellers and locals, but it wasn't the same as sharing these experiences with someone close.
4. One evening, while sitting in a café, Sophia overheard a group of tourists discussing their plans. They talked about a hidden gem of a town not far from Paris that wasn't on most tourist maps. Curious and eager for an adventure, she decided to visit the town. "If only I had known about this place sooner," she thought as she explored the charming streets and interacted with the friendly locals.
5. As her journey continued, Sophia faced a few challenges. In Italy, she lost her passport and spent two stressful days getting a new one. "I wish I had been more careful with my belongings," she regretted. Despite these setbacks, she learned to be more resilient and adaptable. Each challenge taught her something new about herself and the world.
6. When her three months were almost up, Sophia found herself in a small village in the Swiss Alps. It was the most peaceful place she had ever been. Sitting by a clear, blue lake, she reflected on her journey. "I wish I could stay here forever," she thought. The tranquillity and beauty of the mountains made her feel at home.
7. Returning to her everyday life was hard. She missed the thrill of waking up in a new place every day. "If only I could travel all the time," she wished. But she knew that her travels had changed her. She was more confident, independent, and open to new experiences. She realized that even though she couldn't travel all the time, she could bring the spirit of adventure into her daily life.
8. Sophia's journey taught her that while we often wish for things to be different, it's the experiences we have and the lessons we learn that truly shape us. "I wish everyone could have the chance to explore the world," she thought. "If only more people realized how much they could learn from stepping outside their comfort zones."

1. What was Sophia's main dream since childhood?
 - a. to learn new languages
 - b. to save money
 - c. to travel the world
 - d. to write a book
2. Why did Sophia feel nervous before her trip?
 - a. She was afraid of flying.
 - b. She hadn't planned enough.



- c. She didn't have enough money.
 - d. She was worried about meeting new people.
3. How did Sophia feel when she was in Paris?
 - a. lonely and homesick
 - b. excited but a little lonely
 - c. bored and uninterested
 - d. angry and frustrated
4. What happened in Italy that was a challenge for Sophia?
 - a. She lost her passport.
 - b. She got lost in the city.
 - c. She missed her flight.
 - d. She couldn't find a place to stay.
5. What did Sophia learn from her journey?
 - a. Travelling is not worth the effort.
 - b. She should never leave home again.
 - c. The experiences and lessons learned shape us.
 - d. It's better to stay in familiar places.

5**Speaking practice: roleplay**

Follow the teacher's instructions and roleplay the given scenario.

6**Talking point**

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. If only you could be an expert in any field, which field would you choose and why?
2. If only you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?
3. If only you could have dinner with any three people (dead or alive), who would they be and what would you talk about?
4. Do you ever wish you could live in a different time period? Which one and why?
5. Is there a famous person you wish you could meet? Who is it and why?
6. Do you wish you could change something about your personality? What and why?
7. Is there a food or dish you wish you could learn to cook perfectly?