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Basics. Wish and If Only for Past Regrets

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | Conditional sentence | Negation | Past tense | Subjunctive mood | Verb | Verb mood | Perfect tense

1. Complete the student's inner monologue about their disastrous new haircut. Select ALL the grammatically correct options to fill in the blank.

"This is the worst haircut ever! I look like a frightened poodle. I wish I _____ to that new barber."

Select all that apply.

A) had never gone
B) hadn't gone
C) didn't go
D) haven't gone

2. Read the tired student's text message and choose the correct phrase to complete it.

I'm so exhausted today. If only I _____ to bed earlier instead of watching three hours of skateboarding cats.

Select one.

A) went
B) would go
C) had gone
D) have gone

3. Help the amateur chef express his regret about the ruined dinner. Select ALL the sentences that are grammatically correct.

Select all that apply.

A) If only I hadn't left the pizza in the oven for three hours!
B) I wish I hadn't left the pizza in the oven for three hours!
C) If only I didn't leave the pizza in the oven for three hours!
D) I wish I haven't left the pizza in the oven for three hours!

4. Complete the dramatic chef's cooking blog post.

If only I _____ to my grandmother's recipe! I wish I _____ that third spoonful of ghost peppers to the soup. Now my guests are crying!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) had listened
B) listened
C) have listened

Blank 2

A) hadn't added
B) didn't add
C) haven't added

5. Help the aspiring baker express his culinary regrets after a disastrous cake experiment. Choose the correct verb forms to complete his thoughts.

I really wish I _____ the label on the salt jar before pouring it into the batter.

If only I _____ to my inner "creative chef" and just followed the recipe!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had checked
- **B)** checked
- **C)** have checked

Blank 2

- **A)** hadn't listened
- **B)** didn't listen
- **C)** haven't listened

6. Read the friends' complaints about their disastrous trip. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences that describe a regret about yesterday's rainy beach trip.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I wish we had checked the weather forecast before leaving.
- **B)** If only we had brought an umbrella to the beach!
- **C)** I wish we checked the weather forecast before leaving.
- **D)** If only we have brought an umbrella to the beach!

7. Complete the stranded traveler's text messages to her best friend. Choose the correct phrase for each blank.

I'm stuck at the airport! I wish I _____ my passport in my purse instead of the TV remote.

If only I _____ up until 3 AM watching alien conspiracy documentaries!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had packed
- **B)** packed
- **C)** have packed

Blank 2

- **A)** hadn't stayed
- **B)** didn't stay
- **C)** haven't stayed

8. Help the panicked student finish their text message to their best friend.

I wish I _____ the contact name before hitting send! If only my phone _____ "Mr. Henderson" to "Mr. Handsome"!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had double-checked
- **B)** double-checked
- **C)** have double-checked

Blank 2

- **A)** hadn't autocorrected
- **B)** didn't autocorrect
- **C)** hasn't autocorrected

9. Help the gloomy ghost express his afterlife regrets to the local paranormal investigator. Choose the appropriate verb forms to complete his complaints.

I wish I _____ to haunt a spooky medieval castle instead of a boring accounting firm.

If only I _____ away the only employee who knew how to make good coffee!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had chosen
- **B)** chose
- **C)** have chosen

Blank 2

- **A)** hadn't scared
- **B)** didn't scare
- **C)** haven't scared

10. Complete the dramatic chef's internal monologue after tasting his ruined dish. Select the grammatically correct option.

My mouth is completely on fire! I wish I _____ the entire bottle of ghost pepper hot sauce into the broth!

Select one.

- **A)** didn't pour
- **B)** hadn't poured
- **C)** wouldn't pour
- **D)** haven't poured

11. Complete the time traveler's regretful log entry.

I really wish I _____ the dial to the Jurassic period. If only I _____ that T-Rexes run faster than humans!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** didn't set
- **B)** haven't set
- **C)** hadn't set

Blank 2

- **A)** had remembered
- **B)** remembered
- **C)** have remembered

12. Help the clumsy time traveler write his apology log. Choose the correct phrase to complete his sentence.

If only I _____ that giant red button during the dinosaur era. Now we have T-Rexes roaming the streets!

Select one.

- **A)** didn't press
- **B)** haven't pressed
- **C)** hadn't pressed
- **D)** wouldn't press