

# I Wish and If Only: Present Regrets and Complaints

Medium

B1 | Intermediate

Clause

Conditional sentence

Modal verb

Negation

Past tense

Subjunctive mood

Verb

Verb mood

Verb tense

Simple tense

1. Help the soaked camper finish their grumpy diary entry by choosing the correct verb form for each blank.

We are absolutely freezing! I wish it \_\_\_\_\_ raining so we could finally light a campfire. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ how to build a proper waterproof shelter, but I am just a city boy lost in the woods.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) would stop
- B) stops
- C) will stop

**Blank 2**

- A) knew
- B) know
- C) am knowing

2. Read the bored student's mind during a very long, very dry history lecture. Select ALL the thoughts that correctly express his desire to be somewhere else right now.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) I wish I had my gaming console with me.
- B) I wish this class finishes soon.
- C) If only I know the answers to his questions.
- D) If only this professor spoke a bit faster.

3. Read the mind of Buster the dog and complete his inner monologue.

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ that fluffy squirrel taunting me from the oak tree! If only this invisible forcefield of a glass door \_\_\_\_\_ open, I would definitely show him who the good boy really is.

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) could catch
- B) can catch
- C) catch

**Blank 2**

- A) were
- B) is
- C) be

4. Complete the frustrated college student's text message about their annoying roommate.

I wish my roommate \_\_\_\_\_ his dishes occasionally instead of building a tower of plates. If only he \_\_\_\_\_ playing terrible EDM music at 2 AM!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) would wash
- B) will wash
- C) is washing

**Blank 2**

- A) would stop
- B) stops
- C) will stop

5. Complete the frustrated roommate's text message to their best friend.

I cannot stand this mess anymore! I wish Dave \_\_\_\_\_ his dirty dishes for once in his life. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ to live by myself this semester instead of sharing an apartment!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) would wash
- B) will wash
- C) is washing

**Blank 2**

- A) had chosen
- B) have chosen
- C) choose

6. Read the exhausted college student's thought and choose the best option to complete it.

I have a mountain of laundry to do. I wish I \_\_\_\_ a magical robot to fold my clothes!

*Select one.*

- A) have
- B) had
- C) will have
- D) am having

7. Complete the lost traveler's frantic text messages to a friend. He is wandering around a foreign city with no map and no money. Select ALL the sentences that correctly express his current regrets.

*Select all that apply.*

- A) I wish I can find a friendly taxi driver.
- B) If only I spoke Italian!
- C) If only I have some cash in my wallet.
- D) I wish my phone battery wasn't dead.

8. Choose the correct phrase to complete the pet owner's funny realization.

My dog keeps staring at the blank wall and barking. If only I \_\_\_\_ speak dog to ask him what he sees!

*Select one.*

- A) can
- B) will
- C) should
- D) could

9. Complete the inner monologue of a highly ambitious dog staring up at a squirrel.

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ trees like that fluffy creature. If only my legs \_\_\_\_\_ a little longer, I'd catch him for sure!

*Choose the correct option for each gap.*

**Blank 1**

- A) could climb
- B) can climb
- C) will climb

**Blank 2**

- A) were
- B) are
- C) would be

10. Help the frustrated college student vent about her terrible, messy roommate. Select ALL the grammatically correct complaints.

Select all that apply.

- A) I wish he would wash his dishes for once!
- B) I wish he will stop eating my expensive snacks.
- C) If only he wouldn't play the drums at 2 AM.
- D) If only he stops leaving his dirty socks on the sofa.

11. Help the daydreaming student complete their thought during a terrible lecture.

This math lecture is endless, and it's freezing in here. If only I \_\_\_\_ on a tropical beach with a coconut in my hand!

Select one.

- A) am
- B) will be
- C) were
- D) be

12. Eavesdrop on these two friends daydreaming about winning the lottery. Select ALL the grammatically correct wishes they make.

Select all that apply.

- A) I wish I didn't have to work tomorrow.
- B) If only we are rich.
- C) I wish I would buy a private jet.
- D) If only we lived in a giant mansion.

13. Read the thoughts of a commuter stuck in a massive traffic jam and choose the best words to complete the sentences.

If only I \_\_\_\_\_ a flying car right now! I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a secret shortcut to bypass all this mess.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) had
- B) have
- C) would have

Blank 2

- A) knew
- B) know
- C) have known

14. Complete the frustrated apartment renter's text message.

The people upstairs are learning to tap dance at midnight again. I wish they \_\_\_\_ so much noise!

Select one.

- A) don't make
- B) aren't making
- C) didn't make
- D) won't make

15. Help the disappointed theme park visitor express his regrets by selecting the correct words.

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ taller so I could finally ride the legendary "Vomit Comet" rollercoaster. If only the safety rules \_\_\_\_\_ so strict about height!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- A) were
- B) am
- C) have been

**Blank 2**

- A) weren't
- B) aren't
- C) won't be