Wishes and regrets correction

**Practice 1**

Underline the right form of each wish/ regret below.

*Example :*

*‘I failed in the driving test!’*

*a) If only I had failed in the driving test.*

*b) If only I hadn’t failed in the driving test. √*

1. My father spoke only Spanish when he was in Canada.

*a)* He wishes he spoke English or French

*b)* He wishes he had spoken English or French. √

2. I didn’t attend Anna’s birthday party.

*a)* If only I have attended Anna’s birthday party.

*b)* If only I had attended Anna’s birthday party. √

3. I ate too much and I felt sick.

*a)* If only I hadn’t eaten too much. √

*b)* If only I didn’t eat too much.

4. It's a pity we don't own a boat, I love sailing.

*a)* I wish we owned a boat. √

*b)* I wish we had owned a boat.

5. Emma can’t stop making noise.

*a)* I wish Emma would make noise.

*b)* I wish Emma could stop making noise. √

6. Lamia didn’t get a good grade in the English final exam.

*a)* She wishes she got a good grade.

*b)* She wishes she had got a good grade. √

7. Paul lost his passport.

*a)* If only Paul hadn’t lost his passport. √

*b)* If only he didn’t lose his passport.

8. I can’t speak any languages.

*a)* I wish I could speak some languages. √

*b)* I wish I can speak some languages.

9. Scarlett always comes late to the meetings.

*a)* I wish Scarlett would come on time. √

*b)* I wish Scarlett wouldn’t come on time to the meetings.

Practice 2

**A. SAY IF THESE SENTENCES EXPRESS WISHES ABOUT PRESENT OR PAST. THEN PUT THE WORDS BETWEEN BRACKETS IN THE CORRECT TENSE ( SIMPLE PAST OR PAST PERFECT )**

**1. I wish I had not missed the end-of-term school party. They say it was great. ( past)**

**2. I wish I were very rich, so I could help all the poor and the needy. (present )**

**3.They wish they could help, but they can’t ; they’re too busy now. (present)**

**4. I wish the weather was not colder, so we could stay here to enjoy the picnic. ( present)**

**5. If only I had turned in the school project on time last week. ( past)**

**B. REWRITE THESE SENTENCES AS INDICATED :**

**1. I want to buy this computer, but I don’t have enough money.**

**I wish I had enough money to buy this computer**

**2. I’m not a hardworking student.**

**If only I were a hardworking student**

**3. I work on Sundays, too.**

**I wish I did not work on Sundays, either**

**4. I can’t drive now.**

**I wish I could drive**

**5. “ I didn’t spend enough time with family,” Sarah regretted**

**Sara wishes she had spent enough time with her family**

**6. I don’t speak good French. I am bad at languages.**

**If only I spoke good French.**

**7. My cousin spent all his money on drugs**

**My cousin wishes he had not spent all his money on drugs**

**8. John didn’t follow his father’s advice about his high studies**

**If only john had followed his father’s advice about his high studies**