

WISHES

Present : I wish / If only + subject + Simple Past
(For hopes/dreams in the present)

Past : I wish / If only + subject + Past Perfect
(For regrets about past actions)

Exercises :

Rewrite these sentences as indicated :

A

01. "I won't be with you here today".

If only

02. "I can't help you".

I wish

03. "He didn't meet his favourite friends".

He wished

04. "His classmate is taller than him".

He wishes

05. "Today is not a free day".

If only

06. "It is very hot"

If only

07. "She didn't tell me the truth".

If only

08. "My son emigrated last year" The mother said regretfully.

She wishes

09. "They didn't leave early".

If only

10. "I refused to help him" he said sadly.

He wishes

11. "She had an accident"

If only

12. "She advised him to take those pills" (now he is seriously ill)

If only

13. "They did not visit the historical monuments"

We wish

14. "I can't stop eating fast food"

If only

15. "I will do the next exercises".

I wish

B

01. She told Sam Tom's secret and she felt terribly guilty.

She wished

02. "I don't know his address".

I wish

03. The weather was not fine yesterday

We wished

04. They ate too much last night. They were terribly sick.

If only

05. He doesn't have a sister.

He wishes he

06. "They didn't receive the money"

If only

07. "The new camera doesn't work well"

If only	<input type="text"/>	
08. "Our team didn't win the match".		
I wish	<input type="text"/>	
09. They forgot my phone number.		
If only	<input type="text"/>	
10. "They are not responsible enough".		
We wish	<input type="text"/>	
11. "we ran out of gas"		
If only	<input type="text"/>	
12. "I can't go with him again"		
I wish	<input type="text"/>	
13. "They refuse to help us"		
We wished	<input type="text"/>	
14. "My grandfather is not here"		
If only	<input type="text"/>	
15. "I can't travel because I do not have money".		
I wish	<input type="text"/>	

Choose the most appropriate answer:

1) I didn't do my homework; because of that the teacher punished me.

- I wish the teacher hadn't punished me.
- I wish I did my homework.

2) Last night I drank a lot of coffee; consequently I didn't sleep well.

- If only I hadn't drunk a lot of coffee.
- If only I slept well.

3) He is very lazy; that's why his friends dislike him.

- He wishes he were lazy.
- He wishes his friends didn't dislike him.

4) He had an accident because he drove carelessly.

- If only he hadn't had an accident.
 - If only he had driven carelessly.
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5) The dog bit the boy because the latter threw stones at him.

- If only the boy hadn't thrown stones at the dog.
 - If only the dog hadn't bit the boy.
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6) He smoked a lot; as a result he died of lung cancer.

- They wished he didn't die of lung cancer.
 - They wished he hadn't smoked like a chimney.
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7) They slept early; that's why they didn't see the match.

- If only they hadn't slept early.
 - If only they had saw the film.
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8) He gets fatter and fatter because he can't stop eating junk food.

- If only he doesn't get fatter and fatter.
 - If only he could stop eating junk food.
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9) We didn't invite her; so she didn't come.

- I wish we had invited her.
 - I wish she had came.
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10) I missed the first lesson as I arrived to the classroom late.

- I wish I arrived to the classroom late.
- I wish I hadn't missed the first lecture.