Wish and If Only Structures – Worksheet 2

🗣 Exercise 1: Conversation (Using "Wish" and "If Only")

Instructions: Complete the dialogue using the correct form of **wish** or **if only**.

- **Liam**: I can't believe I failed my driving test!

- **Emma**: Oh no! You were so nervous. If only you _____ (relax) more.

- **Liam**: I know. And I wish I _____ (not forget) to check my mirrors.

- **Emma**: That's frustrating. If only the examiner _____ (not be) so strict!

- **Liam**: Yeah. I also wish the weather _____ (be) better. The rain made it even harder.

- **Emma**: Well, you can try again. I just wish the test _____ (not be) so expensive.

- **Liam**: You're right. I wish I _____ (have) more money so I could take more lessons.

- **Emma**: Don't worry! If only you _____ (practice) more, I'm sure you'll pass next time.

📖 Exercise 2: Diary Entry (Writing Task Using "Wish" and "If Only")

Instructions: Read the diary entry below and fill in the blanks using the correct form of **wish** or **if only**.

📖 Diary Entry – A Regretful Day

Today was a disaster! Everything went wrong, and I feel terrible about it.

First, I woke up late because I forgot to set my alarm. **If only I _____ (wake up) earlier**, I wouldn't have missed my bus. Then, I got to work late, and my boss was really angry. **I wish I _____ (not be) so careless with my time.**

At lunch, I spilled coffee all over my shirt. **If only I _____ (be) more careful!** My colleague laughed, and it really annoyed me. **I wish people _____ (not make) fun of me when I make mistakes.**

Finally, I had an argument with my best friend. **I wish I _____ (not say) those hurtful things.** Now, I don't know if she'll ever forgive me.

I just wish today _____ **(be) different.** Tomorrow, I'll try to do better!

🎯 Key Takeaways for Students

✓ **"Wish" + past simple** → Used for **present** situations we want to change (*I wish I had a bigger house.*)

✓ **"Wish" + past perfect** → Used for **past regrets** (*I wish I had studied harder.*)

✓ **"Wish" + would + verb** → Used for **annoying habits** or things we want to change (*I wish you wouldn't interrupt me.*)

✓ **"If only" is stronger than "wish"** → Used to express deep regret or hypothetical situations.

✓ **If only + past perfect** → Regret about the past (*If only I had woken up earlier!*)

✓ **If only + past simple** → Wishing for a different present reality (*If only I were taller!*)

✓ **If only + would + verb** → Expressing frustration about behavior (*If only you would listen!*)