

## Wish and If Only Structures – Worksheet 1 – ANSWERS

### Exercise 1: Gap-Fill (Using the Correct Form of "Wish" and "If Only") – Answers

1. I **wish I had** more free time. I'm always so busy!  
→ "Wish" + past simple for a present situation.
  2. If only he **had not forgotten** my birthday!  
→ "If only" + past perfect for a past regret.
  3. I **wish I were** on holiday right now instead of working.  
→ "Wish" + past simple for a present situation.
  4. I wish my boss **would give** me a raise.  
→ "Wish" + would for something we want to change.
  5. If only they **had arrived** on time, we wouldn't have missed the flight.  
→ "If only" + past perfect for a past event.
  6. She **wishes she had not said** that—she knows it really hurt my feelings.  
→ "Wish" + past perfect for a past regret.
  7. I **wish I could** speak Spanish fluently!  
→ "Wish" + could for an ability we don't have.
  8. If only my parents **had let** me go to the party last night!  
→ "If only" + past perfect for a past regret.
  9. I **wish I didn't have** to wake up so early for work.  
→ "Wish" + past simple for a present situation.
  10. I wish people **would not talk** so loudly in the library.  
→ "Wish" + would for an annoying habit.
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### Exercise 2: Error Correction (Fixing Common Mistakes) – Answers

1. ✗ I wish I **would have** a better job.  
✓ I wish I **had** a better job.  
→ "Wish" + past simple for a present wish.
2. ✗ If only he **would told** me the truth.  
✓ If only he **had told** me the truth.  
→ "If only" + past perfect for a past regret.
3. ✗ I wish I **wasn't** so tired last night.  
✓ I wish I **had not been** so tired last night.  
→ "Wish" + past perfect for a past situation.

4. ✗ If only she **didn't forget** to call me.  
✓ If only she **had not forgotten** to call me.  
→ "If only" + *past perfect for a past regret.*
5. ✗ I wish you **would stop** complaining yesterday.  
✓ I wish you **had stopped** complaining yesterday.  
→ "Wish" + *past perfect for a past action.*
6. ✗ If only I **have studied** harder, I would have passed.  
✓ If only I **had studied** harder, I would have passed.  
→ "If only" + *past perfect for a past regret.*
7. ✗ He wishes he **didn't spent** so much money last week.  
✓ He wishes he **had not spent** so much money last week.  
→ "Wish" + *past perfect for a past regret.*
8. ✗ I wish you **wouldn't** be so rude all the time.  
✓ I wish you **were not** so rude all the time.  
→ "Wish" + *past simple for a present wish.*
9. ✗ If only she **can drive**, we wouldn't have to take the bus.  
✓ If only she **could drive**, we wouldn't have to take the bus.  
→ "If only" + *past simple for a present wish.*
10. ✗ I wish my parents **let** me go to the party yesterday.  
✓ I wish my parents **had let** me go to the party yesterday.  
→ "Wish" + *past perfect for a past regret.*