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## If Only I'd Known



### A. Complete the sentences using *wish*.

- (FACT) I ate all the cake.  
(WISH) I *wish I hadn't eaten all the cake* .
- (FACT) Sheila said horrible things about her boyfriend.  
(WISH) Sheila *wishes she hadn't said horrible things about her boyfriend* .
- (FACT) I've spent all my money.  
(WISH) I *wish I hadn't spent all my money* .
- (FACT) I didn't buy her a birthday present.  
(WISH) I *wish I had bought her a birthday present* .
- (FACT) William lent his cell phone to his friend.  
(WISH) William *wishes he hadn't lent his cell phone to his friend* .
- (FACT) We didn't question the travel agency.  
(WISH) We *wish we had questioned the travel agency* .
- (FACT) I didn't study for the exam.  
(WISH) I *wish I had studied for the exam* .
- (FACT) We trusted Alice and Patsy.  
(WISH) We *wish we hadn't trusted Alice and Patsy* .

### B. Write sentences with *wish* to describe the situations. Write sentences that express regret for something that happened or didn't happen in the past.

- Robert didn't go to the concert, although he had a ticket.  
*Robert wishes he hadn't bought the ticket for the concert.*
- Liz had an argument with her brother about using the computer.  
*Liz wishes she hadn't argued with her brother about using computer.*
- Pat and Karen went to see the comedy, and it was disappointing.  
*Pat and Karen wish they hadn't gone to see the comedy.*
- Allison didn't practice much before the recital.  
*Allison wishes she had practiced more before the recital.*

C. Match the beginnings of the sentences with the correct endings.

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| 1. <u>  d  </u> If I hadn't lost my cell phone,       | a. she would have studied computers.              |
| 2. <u>  e  </u> If Maria hadn't met Tim,              | b. if we had known you were in town.              |
| 3. <u>  g  </u> If there hadn't been so much traffic, | c. if you had bought the tickets.                 |
| 4. <u>  f  </u> Sonia wouldn't have felt tired        | d. I would have called you.                       |
| 5. <u>  a  </u> If she had gone to college,           | e. she would have married Thomas.                 |
| 6. <u>  h  </u> If I had seen that horror movie,      | f. if she hadn't gone to bed so late.             |
| 7. <u>  c  </u> We could have gone to the concert     | g. we wouldn't have missed the start of the film. |
| 8. <u>  b  </u> We'd have invited you to the party    | h. I would have had nightmares for weeks.         |

D. Unscramble the words to form third conditional sentences.

- passed / if / nervous / Laura / hadn't / so / have / she / been / her / would / test / driving

Laura would have passed her driving test if she hadn't been so nervous.
- If / Greg / graduated / would / had / harder / have / year / this / he / worked

If Greg had worked harder this year, he would have graduated. / If Greg had worked harder, he would have graduated this year.
- Sara / me / would / stopped / had / if / seen / she / have

Sara would have stopped if she had seen me.
- I / hadn't / if / been / so / fast / fallen / have / I / skiing / wouldn't

I wouldn't have fallen if I hadn't been skiing so fast.
- She / her / wouldn't / hadn't / have / the / to / party / boyfriend / if / gone / met / she

She wouldn't have met her boyfriend if she hadn't gone to the party.



E. What *would* / *wouldn't* have happened if things had been different? Write sentences in the third conditional.

1. Joan and Steve didn't like the menu so they didn't eat in the restaurant.  
*Joan and Steve would have eaten in the restaurant if they had liked the menu.*
2. Bill didn't like Helen, so he didn't ask her to dance.  
*If Bill had liked Helen, he would have asked her to dance.*
3. Jim left his violin at home so he couldn't practice with the band today.  
*If Jim hadn't left his violin at home, he would have practiced with the band today.*
4. I hadn't read the book, so I couldn't participate in the discussion.  
*If I had read the book, I would have been able to participate in the discussion.*
5. The weather was terrible, so the plane couldn't take off.  
*If the weather had been better, the plane would have taken off.*
6. The food was horrible, so we complained to the manager.  
*If the food hadn't been horrible, we wouldn't have complained to the manager.*
7. I stayed out very late on the weekend, so my mom grounded me for a week.  
*If I hadn't stayed out very late on the weekend, my mother wouldn't have grounded me for a week.*
8. Tim lost the car keys, so he had to walk back home.  
*If Tim hadn't lost the car keys, he wouldn't have had to walk back home.*

F. Write about what else the people could have done or might have done in the situations in the pictures. Write at least two sentences for each situation with either *could have* or *might have*.



1. Lily worked on her homework until midnight.  
*Answers will vary.*

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2. Liam and Natasha were on vacation and they lost their credit cards. They went to the police to report the missing cards.  
*Answers will vary.*

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*Answers will vary.*

**G.** Read the quotes. Write *A* (if you agree) or *D* (if you disagree) in the box for each.

*I heard a definition once: Happiness is health and a short memory! I wish I'd invented it, because it is very true.*

*Audrey Hepburn (1920-1993), actor and Academy Award winner*

*I wish I'd known early what I had to learn late.*

*Richie Ashburn (1927-1997), U.S. baseball player*

*We would often be sorry if our wishes were granted.*

*Aesop (620 B.C.-560 B.C.), Greek writer of fables*

*It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan.*

*Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), humanitarian and wife of U.S. president*

*There are so many things we wish we had done yesterday, so few that we feel like doing today.*

*Mignon McLaughlin (1913-1983), U.S. journalist and author*

*If I had asked people what they wanted, they would have said faster horses.*

*Attributed to Henry Ford (1883-1947), early U.S. manufacturers of automobiles*

*If I'd known I was going to live this long, I'd have taken better care of myself.*

*Attributed to Eubie Blake (1887-1983), U.S. rag and jazz musician, and others*

*If I had learned (through) education, I would not have had time to learn anything else.*

*Cornelius Vanderbilt (1794-1877), U.S. businessperson and multimillionaire*

**H.** Choose two quotes. Explain the meaning of each.

*Answers will vary.*

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Write your own quote about life. Compare yours with others in your class.

*Answers will vary.*

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