



Match the words in the boxes below with each other.

- have
- marital
- tell
- university
- past
- stay
- study
- make
- learn
- talk

- from mistake
- really hard
- together
- earlier
- a mistake
- status
- regret
- a chance
- the truth
- background

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

## Grammar

## Wish Clause

**FORM** (wish+past perfect)

**USE:** to express a regret that something did or didn't happen in the past.

- I wish I hadn't failed my test. ( but I failed - I regret about something that happened in the past.)
- I wish I had worked harder when I was at school. (I didn't work harder)
- Sally wishes she had listened to what her mother told her. (She didn't listened to what her mother said)
- I wish I hadn't spent so much money last month. (I spent a lot of money last month.)
- I wish I hadn't called her last night.
- I wish I had accepted the job.
- I wish I hadn't treated John like that.
- Jack wishes she had studied physics at university.
- He wishes he had bought a bigger car.
- \*\*\* We can use "if only" instead of wish.

**B** Fill in the blanks using wish clauses.



Kate

I have got very bad sunburn.  
Yesterday I stayed in the sun for  
long. I wish \_\_\_\_\_  
(stay) in the sun so long.



John

I wish \_\_\_\_\_ (cheat)  
in the exam. The teacher was very  
angry with me.



Amy

I wish \_\_\_\_\_ (study)  
more. I got bad marks from the  
maths exam.



Susan

I've got an awful stomachache.  
Yesterday I ate a lot. I wish  
\_\_\_\_\_ (eat)



Tom

I didn't learn German at school!  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_  
(learn)



Kylie

What a shame you didn't  
tell me earlier. I wish  
\_\_\_\_\_ (tell)

**C** Are these sentences correct or incorrect? Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

1. I wish I had listened to my teacher in class.

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2. I wish I hadn't spend all my money yesterday.

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3. I wish I had bring my umbrella yesterday.

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4. I wish I hadn't worn a coat because it was very cold  
outside.

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5. I wish I hadn't eaten so much for dinner.

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6. You told my secret! If only I haven't told you.

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7. I wish I learned Spanish when I was a student.

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8. I wish I had see you yesterday.

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9. I wish I hadn't shouted at my mother.

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10. I wish I'd had a breakfast. I was very hungry yesterday.

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D

**Read the beginnings of the sentences and find the correct endings.**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> I hate the food at that restaurant ...   | a. I wish I had brought my umbrella.      |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> It was freezing in the park ...          | b. I wish I hadn't shouted him.           |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> My brother isn't speaking to me ...      | c. I wish I had eaten a proper breakfast. |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm hungry ...                           | d. I wish we had gone to Paris.           |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> I'm really lonely ...                    | e. I wish I worn a coat.                  |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> It's raining ...                         | f. I wish we had eaten somewhere else.    |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> I've got a terrible stomachache ...      | g. I wish I hadn't broken up my family.   |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> I hated every minute of that holiday ... | h. I wish I hadn't so much popcorn.       |

E

**Read the sentence and choose the option which best expresses a past regret.**

*1. I shouted at my little sister this morning. I feel bad about it.*

- A) I wish I had shouted at my little sister.  
B) I wish I hadn't shouted at my little sister.

*2. I didn't go to the library yesterday. It's closed today.*

- A) I wish I had gone to the library.  
B) I wish I hadn't gone to the library.

*3. I took no notice of the teacher, and I did really badly in the test.*

- A) I wish I had taken more notice.  
B) I wish I hadn't taken more notice.

*4. They stayed up really late, and they are very tired, so the boss is most displeased.*

- A) The boss wishes they had stayed up.  
B) The boss wishes they hadn't stayed up.

*5. Jack didn't tell his wife he has going to be late, and she got really angry with him.*

- A) Jack wishes he had told his wife.  
B) Jack wishes he hadn't told his wife.

*6. Mary told her brother she was going to be late, so he didn't wait for her.*

- A) Mary wishes she had told her brother.  
B) Mary wishes she hadn't told her brother.

F

Read and choose the correct choice.

*Susan Wilson*

*When I first decided to move to the countryside, I was hopeful about my new life but it turned out to be a disaster for me. I was bored of city life but I was not ready for that kind of life. I always wished I had had Internet connection there because I was so used to it. I missed sitting in cafés and having a chat with my friends. I wish I had not left my friends behind.*

*Jack Brown*

*I was unhappy with my job and I decided to quit. I decided to start a new career by starting a café. I expected everything to be perfectly fine. I was finally able to live the peaceful life that I always dreamed of but I was wrong. I wish I had kept my old job. Running a café requires hard work. I wish I had known that before.*

*Kate Jones*

*I decided to move out two years ago because I was not comfortable with my family. I wanted to have my own life away from everybody. Now, I regret having made that decision because I miss my family so much. I wish I had stayed with them. My life was easier back then. I wish I had known how lucky I was.*

1. Susan wishes ....
  - A) she had had electricity service
  - B) she had had cable TV service
  - C) she had had Internet service
2. Susan misses ....
  - A) sitting in cafés and having a chat with her friends
  - B) watching TV every evening
  - C) walking in the crowded streets
3. Jack wishes he ....
  - A) had studied something else in university
  - B) had kept his old job
  - C) had applied for an exchange program
4. Jack wishes he had known that ....
  - A) running a café requires hard work
  - B) his life would be that peaceful
  - C) starting a café is very expensive
5. Why does Kate regret having made his decision?
  - A) Because she has financial problems
  - B) Because she doesn't like doing housework
  - C) Because she misses her family