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B2 CONDITIONALS ≈ 27 MIN

Wish and If Only — *practice on paper*

You know wishes, regrets, and complaints — now reinforce the time logic with fresh examples.

Past = regret now · **past perfect** = regret before · would = external behaviour · hope = possible future

NAME _____ DATE _____

YOUR BUILD 1 · SORTING ◯ 2 · FILL-IN ◯ 3 · CORRECT ◯ 4 · WRITE ◯

BRICK 1 · SORT BY TIME · APPROX. 4 MIN ●○○

Sort each sentence. Put an **unreal situation now** on the left and a missed earlier action on the right.

I wish the office were quieter.
If only our schedule allowed more testing.
I wish the dashboard worked offline.
If only we had a larger support team.
I wish the deadline were less rigid.
I wish we had saved the first draft.
If only procurement had checked the licence.
I wish I had rehearsed the opening.
If only the courier had arrived before noon.
I wish they had recorded the decision.

REGRET NOW: PAST	REGRET BEFORE: PAST PERFECT

BRICK 2 · COMPLETE THE RIGHT FORM · APPROX. 6 MIN ●●○

Complete the verb. First identify present regret, past regret, external behaviour, or a possible future.

01 I wish I _____ this licence clause. (understand)
02 I wish I _____ the travel policy before booking. (read)
03 I wish the printer _____ jamming during calls. (stop)
04 I _____ the client signs before Friday. (hope)
05 I wish we _____ another analyst today. (have)
06 I wish I _____ the attachment before sending. (check)
07 Our vendor won't reply; I wish they _____ an answer. (give)
08 If only the trial _____ fewer approval steps. (need)

YOUR BUILD · 1 · SORTING · 2 · FILL-IN · 3 · CORRECT · 4 · WRITE

BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN

Each sentence contains one error with a wish, regret, or hope. Write it correctly.

01 I wish I would know the answer now.

02 If only we would have backed up the files.

03 The scanner keeps freezing; I wish it would stops.

04 I wish the contract contains fewer clauses.

05 If only finance had approve the final budget.

06 I hope we had prepared better yesterday; we did not.

BRICK 4 · WRITE FOUR WISHES · APPROX. 8 MIN

Write one English sentence for each prompt. Choose **wish**, if only, would, or hope appropriately.

01 Now: regret a current limitation at work.

02 Before: regret a missed preparation step.

03 Complaint: wish for a faster provider response.

04 Future: express a realistic hope for a project.

MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

- I use past for an unreal situation now.
- I use past perfect for a missed action.
- I use would only for troublesome external behaviour.
- I choose hope for a realistic open future.

Unsure? Mark the time and target of the wish before choosing the form.

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

BRICK 1 · SORTING

01 I wish the office were quieter.
Present: Past creates distance from reality now.

02 If only our schedule allowed more testing.
Present: Past describes today's limited schedule.

03 I wish the dashboard worked offline.
Present: Past marks the unreal function now.

04 If only we had a larger support team.
Present: Past describes the current team size.

05 I wish the deadline were less rigid.
Present: Past creates distance from the current deadline.

06 I wish we had saved the first draft.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed save.

07 If only procurement had checked the licence.
Past: Past perfect looks back at the missed check.

08 I wish I had rehearsed the opening.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed rehearsal.

09 If only the courier had arrived before noon.
Past: Past perfect looks back at the missed arrival.

10 I wish they had recorded the decision.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed record.

BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

01 I wish I **understood** this licence clause.
Present: Past describes the speaker's own state now.

02 I wish I **had read** the travel policy before booking.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed reading.

03 I wish the printer **would stop** jamming during calls.
Complaint: Would targets troublesome external behaviour.

04 I **hope** the client signs before Friday.
Future: Hope fits a possible outcome.

05 I wish we **had** another analyst today.
Present: Past describes the current staffing gap.

06 I wish I **had checked** the attachment before sending.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed check.

07 Our vendor won't reply; I wish they **would give** an answer.
Complaint: Would asks for changed behaviour.

08 If only the trial **needed** fewer approval steps.
Present: Past describes the unreal wish now.

BRICK 3 · CORRECT

01 I wish I **knew** the answer now.
Present: The speaker's own state takes past, not would.

02 If only we **had backed up** the files.
Past: The speaker's missed action needs past perfect.

03 The scanner keeps freezing; I wish it would **stop**.
Complaint: Would is followed by the base form stop.

04 I wish the contract **contained** fewer clauses.
Present: Past describes the unreal situation now.

05 If only finance had **approved** the final budget.
Past: Had requires the participle approved.

06 I **wish** we had prepared better yesterday; we did not.
Past: Wish with past perfect expresses regret.

BRICK 4 · WRITE

Answers vary; check the time, target, and appropriate form.

01 I wish our meeting room **had** better lighting.
Present: Past describes the current limitation.

02 If only we **had compared** both offers earlier.
Past: Past perfect marks the missed preparation.

03 I wish the hosting company **would answer** sooner.
Complaint: Would targets external behaviour.

04 I **hope** the pilot attracts enough volunteers.
Future: Hope describes a realistic open outcome.

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