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Grammar

Unit8 – Lesson1

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LOOK AT THE TEXT AND ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.

Last weekend, I went to the beach with my friends. The weather was perfect, and we decided to have a picnic. However, **I wish** we **had checked** the weather forecast before leaving because suddenly, dark clouds appeared in the sky, and it started raining heavily. We tried to find shelter, but everything got wet. **If only** we **had brought** an umbrella, it would have saved our picnic.

Complete the rules:

Use I wish / If only + _____ to describe regrets you have about things you did or didn't do in the past.

Present the sentences and ask for the Ss' opinions to answer the questions.

Teach the structure deductively for the maximum of 5 minutes. Feel free to add any necessary explanations.

RULES:



We can use wish/if only + a past perfect form to talk about something we would like to change about the past.

They wish they hadn't eaten so much chocolate. They're feeling very sick now.
If only I'd studied harder when I was at school.

Have your Ss read the sentences aloud. Recap any tips if necessary.



READ THE TABLE.

Use *I wish / If only* + past perfect to describe regrets you have about things you did or didn't do in the past.

Subject	*Wish*	Subject	Past perfect	
I	wish	I	had paid attention	to the teacher.
She	wishes	she	hadn't missed	the class.

If only	Subject	Past perfect	
If only	I	had studied	coding.
If only	we	had arrived	earlier.

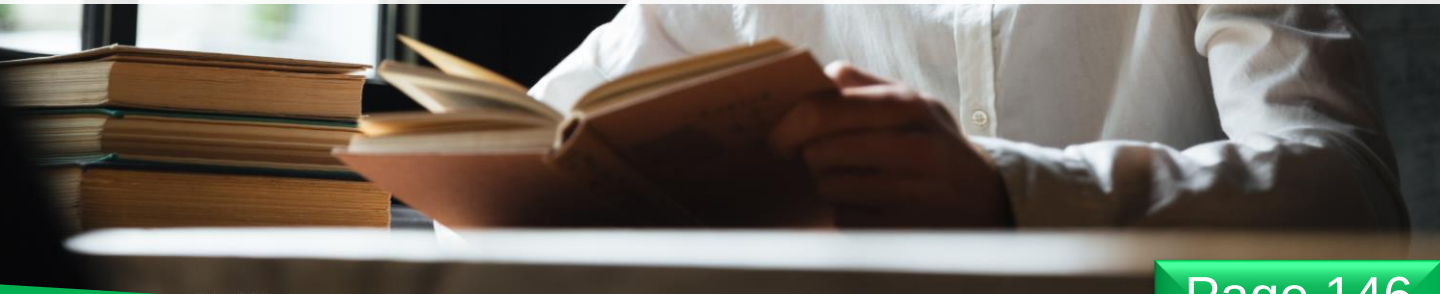
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B Complete the sentences about regrets with *wish* or *only* and the past perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.

1. I wish I had attended a better college. **(attend)**
2. I _____ I _____ more computer courses. **(take)**
3. I _____ I _____ more about hardware. **(learn)**
4. If _____ my teachers _____ stricter with me. **(be)**
5. My parents _____ my education _____ them so much money. **(not cost)**
6. If _____ I _____ how to type faster. **(know)**



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Oral Practice



Practice different forms of grammar by providing the context to Ss and having them produce sentences individually.

Ask your students to do the task in a couple of minutes.



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3. Technology: If only I had / hadn't _____ when I was younger.
4. Money: I wish I had / hadn't _____ when I was younger.
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Create breakout rooms to have the Ss share their ideas. Give FEEDBACK right after.

IN PAIRS!

Share what you have written and add more details.



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Stacey: I told you to get virus protection software. If _____ (2) some on your computer!

Mario: You're right. I _____ (3) to you. But it's too late now. Oh, if _____ (4) that attachment! The sad thing is that I had planned to finish this paper and send it to the professor yesterday, but there was a party at Jin's place. If _____ (5) me!

Stacey: This isn't Jin's fault. Do you have another copy of your paper somewhere?

Mario: The only copy is on this computer. I _____ (6) to save another copy somewhere! And today's Sunday! The computer repair store is closed today. I _____ (7) on the weekend!

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