

9 GRAMMAR STANDARD

1 Read the sentences and write *past* for past regrets or *present* for present regrets.

- 0 I wish I hadn't missed class. _____ *past*
- 1 I wish I had more free time. _____
- 2 If only you had been here. _____
- 3 If only she hadn't driven so fast. _____
- 4 If only she'd call. _____
- 5 If only I had had an umbrella. _____

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 0 If only I _____ *knew* _____ where my glasses were.
(know)
- 1 I wish I _____ more money. (have)
- 2 If only I _____ more for the exam.
(study)
- 3 I wish I _____ some money for the trip.
(save)
- 4 I wish I _____ more friends when I was younger. (have)
- 5 If only I _____ play an instrument.
(be able to)

3 Correct the mistakes.

- 0 I'd prefer it if I don't have to go.
I'd prefer it if I didn't have to go. _____
- 1 If only I am a little bit taller.

- 2 I wish he has been here yesterday.

- 3 He would rather she come over later.

- 4 If only I have arrived two minutes earlier.

- 5 They'd prefer sitting together.

4 Choose the correct option.

- 0 I'd prefer it if we *don't* / *didn't* talk about this.
- 1 She'd rather *go* / *to go* with her friends.
- 2 We'd prefer *to see* / *see* a film.
- 3 They'd rather *had* / *have* pasta than rice.
- 4 He'd prefer it if you *don't* / *didn't* call.
- 5 It's time you *start* / *started* acting your age.
- 6 I'd rather *not go* / *didn't go* to the opera.
- 7 She'd prefer *staying* / *to stay* at home tonight.

5 Match the sentence halves.

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| 0 I'd rather go to | _____ <i>c</i> |
| 1 He'd prefer it | _____ |
| 2 They'd prefer to | _____ |
| 3 I wish you had | _____ |
| 4 It's time | _____ |
| 5 If only I had gone | _____ |
- a spoken to me first.
- b we got going.
- c a concert ~~than the theater.~~
- d walk to school today.
- e if you came a little later.
- f when I had the chance.

6 Complete the sentences with one word.

- 0 It's _____ *time* _____ they went home.
- 1 _____ only I had listened to my mother.
- 2 I _____ I had thought of that.
- 3 I'd _____ you didn't say anything.
- 4 I'd prefer it _____ school ended earlier.
- 5 She'd prefer _____ be a little taller.
- 6 I wish they _____ here right now.

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Answer Key

1

- 1 present
- 2 past
- 3 past
- 4 present
- 5 past

2

- 1 had
- 2 had studied
- 3 had saved
- 4 had had
- 5 was able to

3

- 1 If only I were a little bit taller.
- 2 I wish he had been here yesterday.
- 3 He would rather she came over later.
- 4 If only I had arrived two minutes earlier.
- 5 They'd prefer to sit together.

4

- 1 go
- 2 to see
- 3 have
- 4 didn't
- 5 started
- 6 not go
- 7 to stay

5

- 1 e
- 2 d
- 3 a
- 4 b
- 5 f

6

- 1 If
- 2 wish
- 3 rather
- 4 if
- 5 to
- 6 were