



## Task 1-2 | Speaking and Video

## Task 1



Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1. Do you have many regrets? What do you regret about?
2. If you could relieve any part of your life, what would you change?
3. If you could change one thing in your present life, what would it be?
4. What three wishes would you make if you knew they would come true?

## Task 2



A. Look at the photos of Bob, Stan and Vivica. Some time ago they moved to Ukraine. What do you think they regret about? What are their wishes? Work in pairs and make some guesses.



Bob (the UK)



Stan (Canada)



Vivica (the USA)

B. Watch the video and check your ideas.



C. Watch the video again and answer the questions.

1. What does Bob love Ukraine for?
2. How do Stan's friends annoy him?
3. What does Vivica dream about?

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## Task 3-5 | Functional language (Talking about regrets)

## Task 3



A. Complete the sentences with 1-2 words. Then use the script to check your answer.

1. I don't regret **coming** here for studying and working.
2. I wish I **had started** watching this trendy series Game of Thrones back 8 years ago.
3. If only they **would stop** discussing it every time we meet and teasing me with spoilers.
4. I wish I **was** fluent in French.
5. If only I **could** travel to France.

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B. Look at the examples again and complete rules 1-4 with the structures.

1. We use **regret + gerund** to talk about past events you feel sorry about.
2. We use **I wish/If only + past perfect** to talk about something that you would like to change about your past.
3. We use **I wish/If only + past simple** to talk about something that you would like to change about your present.
4. We use **I wish/If only + would + bare infinitive** to talk about something annoying, somebody is doing and you would like it to change.

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C. Work in pairs. Look at the script, find more examples of these structures and explain why the speakers have used them.

## Task 4



Choose the correct alternative. Use the table below to help you with this.

1. A: I wish I **didn't lend** / **hadn't lent** Bill my laptop.  
B: You mean he hasn't returned it to you yet?
2. A: I regret **giving** / **to give** this guy my phone number. He acts like a freak.  
B: Well, you should be more careful next time.
3. A: If only the sun **would come out** / **come out** !  
B: Cheer up. I think it will stop raining soon.
4. A: I wish I **knew** / **known** how to use Photoshop!  
B: Don't worry, I'll show you.
5. A: If only I **learnt** / **had learnt** how to ride a bike when I was younger!  
B: It's not a problem, you can learn now!
6. A: Is Layla going with you to LA?  
B: No, she wishes she **could come** / **came** , but she can't get time off work.
7. A: I regret **not revising** / **revising** for this test.  
B: Well, yes, it's a pity you didn't revise. You could've passed it with a better result.
8. A: I wish the children **could stop** / **would stop** shouting, it makes me crazy!  
B: I'll tell them to be quiet.
9. A: I wish I **hadn't lost** / **had lost** my temper, now she doesn't talk to me.  
B: You need to apologise to her for all the bad things you've said.
10. A: If only I **hadn't to** / **didn't have to** get up so early every day!  
B: 8 a.m. is not so early; a lot of people have to get up at 5 or 6 a.m. to be at work in time.

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## Task 5



<b>Regret + Ving</b> to talk about the past events you feel sorry about	I regret telling her my secret. She's such a gossip. He regrets not taking that job when he had a chance.
<b>I wish/If only + past perfect</b> to talk about something that you would like to change about your past	I wish I hadn't told her my secret. If only I'd taken that job when I had a chance!
<b>I wish/If only + past simple</b> to talk about something that you would like to change about your present	I wish I were more organized. If only I had more free time!
<b>I wish/If only + would + V1</b> to talk about something annoying somebody is doing and you would like it to change (things you can't control)	If only you wouldn't make so much noise! I wish it would stop snowing. I can't see the road.
<b>Use it right!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>If only is stronger and more emphatic than I wish.</b> <i>I wish I weren't so lazy.</i> <i>If only I weren't so lazy! (This sentence will be pronounced in a more emotional way).</i></li><li>• <b>It's more common to use were instead of was after I wish/If only.</b> <i>If only I <u>were</u> taller!</i> <i>I wish he <u>were</u> a better boss.</i></li></ul>	

Rewrite the sentences expressing wishes and regrets.

1. I can't sing well and it makes me sad. **I wish...**  
**✓ I could sing well.**
2. I wish I hadn't missed that lesson. The guys told me it was a very interesting one. **I regret...**  
**✓ missing that lesson.**
3. I'm annoyed because it's raining so hard but I want to go out. **I wish...**  
**✓ it would stop raining so hard.**
4. I have so little time this weekend but the weather is so nice! **If only...**  
**✓ I had more time this weekend!**
5. We should have ordered an Uber, it would've been much faster. **I wish...**  
**✓ we'd ordered an Uber / we had ordered an Uber.**
6. I feel sorry we didn't have enough time to discuss everything we wanted. **I regret...**  
**✓ not having enough time to discuss everything we wanted.**
7. He's always arriving late! It's so irritating! **I wish...**  
**✓ he would stop arriving so late! / wouldn't arrive so late!**
8. I regret not spending more time with my grandparents. **If only...**  
**✓ I'd spent more time with my grandparents! / I had spent more time with my grandparents!**

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## Hot Topic

## Task 6 | CLASS ONLY

Squid Game is a TV show everyone knows and talks about these days. It's a Korean TV drama from Netflix. And it is the most popular show on Netflix with 142 million views in first 28 days. Have you heard of it? Would you like to watch it? Or maybe you've already seen it? Watch the trailer and discuss it. Do you like the idea? Why do you think people like this show? What's your opinion on it? How does this trailer make you feel?



## Test Yourself

Choose the correct option.

1. If only they \_\_\_\_\_ you for advice before they started the project. You're an expert in it!  
a. ☐ **would ask**  
b. ☒ **had asked**  
c. ☐ **asked**  
d. ☐ **would have asked**
2. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ come to the zoo with you next weekend, but I'm gonna be busy.  
a. ☐ **will**  
b. ☐ **had**  
c. ☒ **could**  
d. ☐ **would**
3. Which sentence is correct?  
a. ☐ **I wish we live in a bigger house**  
b. ☐ **I wish I would go to London with my aunt.**  
c. ☒ **Susan wishes she weren't so lazy.**  
d. ☐ **I regret to tell her she gained weight. Now she is angry**
4. Your colleague likes taking a lot and you don't like it. What would you say?  
a. ☐ **I wish he had been quiet.**  
b. ☒ **If only he would be quiet.**  
c. ☐ **If only he is quiet.**
5. Which sentence has a similar meaning to the following one: I regret giving up my piano lessons.  
a. ☐ **I wish I didn't give up my piano lessons.**  
b. ☐ **If only I wouldn't gave up my piano lessons.**  
c. ☒ **I wish I hadn't given up my piano lessons.**  
d. ☐ **I wish I had given up my piano lessons.**
6. I wish \_\_\_\_\_ her shoes there. I'm always falling over them.  
a. ☒ **wouldn't leave**  
b. ☐ **left**  
c. ☐ **wouldn't have left**
7. Which sentence doesn't have the same meaning? I wish I had taken a train. Going to Krakow by bus takes much more time.  
a. ☐ **I regret not taking a train.**  
b. ☐ **If only I had taken a train.**  
c. ☐ **I regret taking a bus.**  
d. ☒ **I wish I took a train.**
8. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ taller, so I could be in the basketball team.  
a. ☒ **were**  
b. ☐ **would be**  
c. ☐ **am**  
d. ☐ **had been**
9. If only I \_\_\_\_\_ all money. Now I'm broke.  
a. ☐ **lost**  
b. ☒ **hadn't lost**  
c. ☐ **didn't lose**  
d. ☐ **couldn't lose**
10. She's keen on computers. She wishes she \_\_\_\_\_ computer science next school year.  
a. ☐ **had studied**  
b. ☐ **would study**  
c. ☒ **studied**  
d. ☐ **studying**

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## Video Script

BOB  
Hah ... regrets...  
I wish my friends stopped asking me whether I regret moving to Ukraine. And you know what I reply to them every single time? Unquestionably no! I don't regret coming here for studying and working cause I adore Ukraine for its lovely weather, friendly and hospitable people and incredibly delicious food. If only I could stay slim and fit after eating all those dumplings and cakes. Oh my God...and by the way, talking about food and regrets...I wish I started going to gym. But I always postpone it...I'm so lazy... But, then I'm Brit.

STAN  
What is something I'd like to change?  
Oh I know for sure! I wish I had started watching this trendy series Game of Thrones back 8 years ago. Cause u know each time we meet with my friends in a pub we end up talking about films and when it comes to this particular series they get carried away while I didn't watch any episode and I understand nothing at all! If only they would stop discussing it every time we meet and teasing me with spoilers. It annoys a bit but it also forces me to start watching it and eventually to stay up to date.

VIVICA  
What are my regrets?  
Hmm... Okay, as you can tell my native language is English, though I've always wanted to speak some other foreign language. I wish I was fluent in French. Oh if only I could travel to France, go to some cafe near the Eiffel Tower and order some fresh croissants and coffee... But not in English like an average tourist but in French like I was living round the corner. That would be marvelous. But unfortunately, the only words I know are 'bonjour', 'merci' and 'au revoir'. Maybe I should've started attending some French courses... I wish I'd thought of it a bit earlier... But maybe it's not too late for me now. What do you think?