Task 1-2 | Speaking and Video

**REGRETS** 

Task 1

Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

1. Do you have many regrets? What do you regret about? 2. If you could relive any part of your life, what would you change?

4. What three wishes would you make if you knew they would come true?

3. If you could change one thing in your present life, what would it be?

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

Stan (Canada)



wishes? Work in pairs and make some guesses.



Vivica (the USA)

B. Watch the video and check your ideas.

Bob (the UK)

## What do you regret about?



C. Watch the video again and answer the questions.

1. What does Bob love Ukraine for?

Show answers

2. How do Stan's friends annoy him?

3. What does Vivica dream about?

Task 3

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

1. I don't regret coming here for studying and working.

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

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. Hide answers

Hide answers

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/lf 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.

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.

Hide answers

Use it right!

✓ I could sing well.

Task 5

I regret telling her my secret. She's such a gossiper. Regret + Ving to talk about the past events you feel sorry about He regrets not taking that job when he had a chance. I wish/If only + past perfect to talk about I wish I hadn't told her my secret. something that you would like to change If only I'd taken that job when I had a chance! about your past <u>I wish/If only + past simple</u> to talk about something that you would like to change I wish I were more organized. If only I had more free time! about your present I wish/ If only + would + V1 to talk about something annoying somebody is doing If only you wouldn't make so much noise! and you would like it to change (things you I wish it would stop snowing, I can't see the road. can't control)

 If only is stronger and more emphatic than I wish. I wish I weren't so lazy. If only I weren't so lazy! (This sentence will be pronounced in a more emotional way).

 It's more common to use were instead of was after I wish/lf only. If only I were taller! I wish he were a better boss.

Rewrite the sentences expressing wishes and regrets.

1. I can't sing well and it makes me sad. I wish...

4. I have so little time this weekend but the weather is so nice! *If only...* 

5. We should have ordered an Uber, it would've been much faster. *I wish...* 

2. I wish I hadn't missed that lesson. The guys told me it was a very interesting one. *I regret...* 

3. I'm annoyed because it's raining so hard but I want to go out. I wish... ✓ it would stop raining so hard.

✓ I had more time this weekend!

✓ 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! Hide answers

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?

**Hot Topic** 

Squid Game | Official Trailer | Netflix

come to the zoo with you next

\_ taller, so I could be in the basketball

2. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_

a. O will

b. O had

c. **O** could

d. O would

8. I wish I

a. **•** were

b. O would be

team.

weekend, but I'm gonna be busy.

5. Which sentence has a similar meaning to the

3. Which sentence is correct?

she is angry

a. • wouldn't leave

c. O wouldn't have left

6. I wish he \_\_

over them.

b. O left

9. If only I \_

a. O lost

b. O hadn't lost

c. O didn't lose

d. O couldn't lose

a. O I wish we live in a bigger house

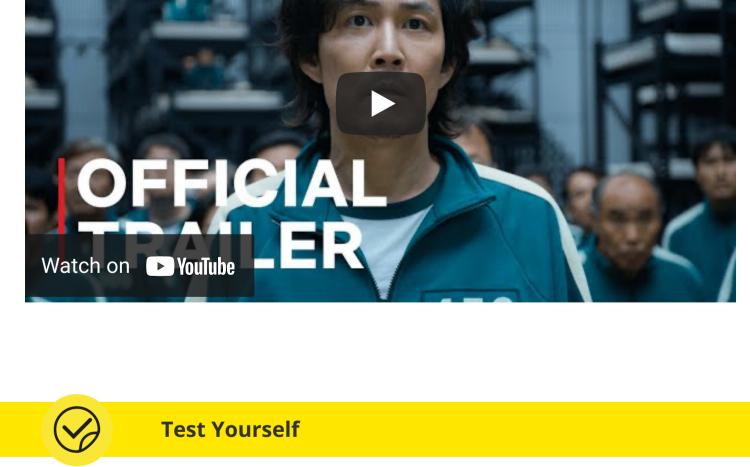
c. • Susan wishes she weren't so lazy.

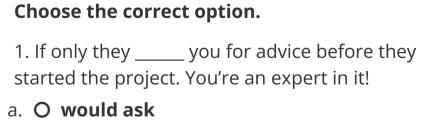
b. O I wish I would go to London with my aunt.

d. O I regret to tell her she gained weight. Now

\_\_\_\_ her shoes there. I'm always falling

all money. Now I'm broke.





b. **O** had asked

c. O asked d. O would have asked

4. Your colleague likes talking a lot and you don't like it. What would you say?

following one: I regret giving up my piano lessons. a. O I wish he had been quiet. a. O I wish I didn't give up my piano lessons. b. **O** If only he would be quiet. b. O If only I wouldn't gave up my piano lessons. c. O If only he is quiet. c. O I wish I hadn't given up my piano lessons. d. O I wish I had given up my piano lessons.

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. O I regret not taking a train. b. O If only I had taken a train.

c. O I regret taking a bus. d. O I wish I took a train.

c. **O am** d. O had been 10. She's keen on computers. She wishes she \_ computer science next school year. a. O had studied

b. O would study c. **O** studied d. O studying

## **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?

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

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?

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

could travel to France, go to some café 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