

Exercises

40.1 Put the verb into the correct form.

- I didn't see you when you passed me in the street. If I'd seen (I / see) you, I would have said (I / say) hello.
- Sam got to the station just in time to catch the train to the airport. If he had missed (he / miss) the train, he would have missed (he / miss) his flight too.
- I'm glad that you reminded me about Rachel's birthday. I wouldn't have forgotten (I / forget) if you hadn't reminded (you / not / remind) me.
- I wanted to send you an email, but I didn't have your email address. If I had had (I / have) your address, I would have sent (I / send) you an email.
- A: How was your trip? Was it good?
B: It was OK, but it would have been (we / enjoy) it more if the weather had been (be) better.
- I took a taxi to the hotel, but the traffic was bad. It would have been (it / be) quicker if I had walked (I / walk).
- I'm not tired. If I were (I / be) tired, I'd go home now.
- I wasn't tired last night. If I had been (I / be) tired, I would have gone home earlier.

40.2 For each situation, write a sentence beginning with If.

- I wasn't hungry, so I didn't eat anything.
If I'd been hungry, I would have eaten something.
- The accident happened because the road was icy.
If the road hadn't been icy, the accident wouldn't have happened.
- I didn't know that Joe had to get up early, so I didn't wake him up.
If I had known, I would have woken him up.
- Unfortunately I lost my phone, so I couldn't call you.
If I hadn't lost my phone, I could have called you.
- Karen wasn't injured in the crash because she was wearing a seat belt.
If she hadn't been wearing a seat belt, she would have been injured.
- You didn't have breakfast – that's why you're hungry now.
If I had had breakfast, I wouldn't be hungry now.
- I didn't get a taxi because I didn't have enough money.
If I had had more money, I could have got a taxi.

40.3 Imagine that you are in these situations. For each situation, write a sentence with I wish.

- You've eaten too much and now you feel sick.
You say: I wish I hadn't eaten so much.
- There was a job advertised in the paper. You decided not to apply for it. Now you think that your decision was wrong.
You say: I wish I had applied for it.
- When you were younger, you never learned to play a musical instrument. Now you regret this.
You say: I wish I had learned to play a musical instrument.
- You've painted the gate red. Now you think that red was the wrong colour.
You say: I wish I had painted it a different colour.
- You are walking in the country. You'd like to take some pictures, but you didn't bring your camera.
You say: I wish I had brought my camera.
- You have some unexpected guests. They didn't phone you first to say they were coming. You are very busy and you are not prepared for them.
You say (to yourself): I wish they had phoned first.