

Premium B2 Lesson 14

Decide whether these statements express a “wish” or a “regret”.

1. I wish I could fly.
2. If only she had seen the doctor earlier. He could have saved her.
3. If only I traveled to New York.
4. I wish I were a doctor.

Choose the correct answer.

1. Alice didn't get a good grade. She wishes she (work) harder.
2. Tom likes football very much. He wishes he (become) a professional football player.
3. He was running very fast when he had a heart attack. If only he (not/run) so fast.
4. She's keen on computers. She wishes she (study) computer science next school year.
5. I am sorry I don't know how to use the computer. If only I (know) how to use it.
6. I stayed late at work and missed the last bus. I wish I (stay) at work late

Put the verbs in brackets in the correct tense.

- 1 If only I (have) a lot of money!
- 2 I wish I (can) buy everything in that shop.
- 3 I wish I (not buy) those shoes yesterday. I don't really like them.
- 4 I wish everyone (turn off) their mobiles in the cinema.
- 5 If only I (tell) her the truth, everything would be all right now.

2 Rewrite the sentences beginning with the words given.

- 1 I really regret eating so much.
I wish _____.
- 2 I'd love to have more money.
If only _____.
- 3 I'm sorry that I can't help you.
I wish _____.
- 4 It's a shame you're not here.
I wish _____.
- 5 It's a real pity that I listened to him.
If only _____.

You will hear people talking in eight different situations. For questions 1-8, choose the best answer (A, B or C).

1. You hear a woman telling her son about her favourite schoolteacher.
What did the woman like about her history teacher?
A his acting skills
B his sense of humour
C his passion for the subject
2. You hear a girl talking about maths.
What does the girl enjoy most about maths?
A getting clear answers
B applying it to everyday life
C solving difficult questions
3. You hear a man telling a friend about being unable to study art at school.
He says that he would have liked to study art in order to
A know more about art history.
B learn some techniques.
C follow a career in art.
4. You hear two students discussing a sports class they have just attended.
What do they agree on about the class?
A how relevant the information was for them
B how knowledgeable the teacher was
C how inspiring the new ideas were
5. You hear a girl telling a friend about her brother.
How does the girl's brother feel about starting university?
A anxious about meeting new people
B worried about managing the workload
C concerned about his abilities in his subject
6. You hear a student talking to his teacher about an assignment.
The boy says that he feels
A uneasy about having to write about an unfamiliar topic.
B unsure about how to carry out some research.
C doubtful about which writing style to use.
7. You hear a science teacher talking to her class.
What is she doing?
A cancelling an activity / a plan
B changing an arrangement
C correcting some information
8. You hear two friends discussing learning foreign languages.
They both hold the opinion that
A communication does not rely on speaking a language.
B it's possible to learn about culture through language.
C learning languages is essential for travel.

Complete the sentences with a noun formed from a word in the first box and a suffix from the second box.

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| feel | govern | know | perform | prefer | react | similar | tired |
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| -ance | -ence | -ing | -ion | -ity | -ledge | -ment | -ness |
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1. People with nut allergies have to be very careful. Even if they only eat a small amount they can have a very serious allergic
2. A between the diet in Spain and Portugal is that people in both countries eat a lot of fish and seafood.
3. My is that the microwave oven is the most useful invention of the twentieth century. It has made preparing food so much more convenient.
4. My sister lived in Osaka for a year, so her of Japanese food is really excellent.
5. I think the should do more to improve young people's diets and encourage them to do more exercise.
6. I have a strong for sweet food over savoury.
7. After drinking a cup of coffee, my almost completely disappeared.
8. Doctors say that a healthy diet can improve your in exams.



Exam task

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For questions 1–8, read the text below. Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to form a word that fits in the gap in the same line. There is an example at the beginning (0).

Example: (0) *HISTORICAL*

The first coffee shops

There is some (0) evidence to suggest that coffee was cultivated in Africa in the tenth century, but drinking coffee didn't become (1) in Europe until the mid-seventeenth century, with many visitors to London claiming that going to a coffee shop was one of the great (2) of life. People paid an (3) charge of one penny to enter a coffee shop, to enjoy the supposedly (4) effects of the drink. Doctors at the time believed it could cure several diseases, and many drinkers reported that coffee made them more (5) and improved their mood.

(6), a visit to a coffee shop had a serious purpose too, as people started to meet there to discuss politics and new ideas. Good behaviour was essential and if you were (7), you could be thrown out of a shop. However, coffee shops in Europe declined in popularity in the late eighteenth century due to the greater (8) of tea, a drink that was easier to make than coffee.

HISTORY
FASHION

PLEASE
ADMIT
BENEFIT

ENERGY
INCREASE

POLITE

CONSUME