

5B GRAMMAR *wish* for present / future, *wish* for past regrets

- a** Complete the sentences with a verb from the list. For sentences 1–4, use the simple past. For sentences 5–8, use *would* / *wouldn't* + infinitive.

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- 1 I wish we lived in a bigger house.
2 I wish my husband _____ better at cooking.



- 3 I wish we _____ afford to buy a new car.
4 I wish I _____ wear a suit to work.



- 5 I wish my mom _____ all the time. Her voice is awful!
6 I wish the dog _____ chasing the cat.



- 7 I wish my parents _____ me practice the piano every day.
8 I wish my boyfriend _____ me more often.

- b** Complete the sentences using *wish* + past perfect

- 1 I didn't apply for the job and now I regret it.
I wish I'd applied for the job.
2 They didn't put on sunscreen and now they're burned.
_____ sunscreen.
3 He broke up with his girlfriend and now he misses her.
_____ with his girlfriend.
4 We didn't buy concert tickets yesterday and now they're sold out.
_____ concert tickets yesterday.
5 I ate too much chocolate and now I feel sick.
_____ so much chocolate.
6 She dyed her hair and now she hates the color.
_____ her hair.
7 We threw away some old books and now they're worth a lot of money.
_____ the old books.
8 I had an argument with Sophie and now she isn't talking to me.
_____ an argument with Sophie.

ACTIVATION

Write three sentences beginning *I wish*: one with the simple past, one with person + *would*, and one with the past perfect. Then compare your ideas with a partner.