

5B GRAMMAR unreal uses of past tenses

a Circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.

- 1 That boyfriend of yours is useless. Isn't it time _____ a new one?
a you found
b you find
c you had found
- 2 If only our neighbors _____ a dog, life would be much more peaceful.
a wouldn't have
b don't have
c didn't have
- 3 What a lovely view! I wish _____ my camera.
a I brought
b I'd brought
c I've brought
- 4 I'm too tired to go out tonight. I'd rather _____ at home.
a we would stay
b we'd stayed
c we stayed
- 5 If only _____ Mike the car, we'd be able to drive there.
a you hadn't lent
b you lent
c you didn't lend
- 6 Come on, children! It's time _____ to bed.
a you go
b you had gone
c you went
- 7 I'd rather _____ your shoes off at the door, if you don't mind.
a you took
b you take
c you had taken
- 8 I'd love to be able to sing in a choir. If only _____ a better voice!
a I'd have
b I had
c I have
- 9 As soon as I said it, I wished _____.
a I wouldn't
b I hadn't
c I didn't
- 10 Diane thinks it's about time her daughter _____ married.
a had got
b gets
c got
- 11 Those children look freezing. I bet they wish _____ indoors.
a they were
b they had been
c they would be
- 12 Since you're busy, _____ we postponed the meeting?
a had you rather
b would you rather
c do you rather
- 13 I'd wear these jeans more often if _____ so tight.
a they were
b they weren't
c they wouldn't be
- 14 If only those people in the front row _____ talking. I can't hear the movie!
a would stop
b stopped
c will stop
- 15 I've just gotten a text from Ann. She'd rather _____ at 6:30 because she's running late.
a we had met
b we were meeting
c we met

ACTIVATION

b Look at the context and complete each of the sentences in a logical way.

- 1 It's about time _____. (parent to teenager)
- 2 I wish you _____. (wife to husband)
- 3 I'd rather you _____. (boss to employee)
- 4 If only our teacher _____. (student to student)
- 5 If you hadn't _____. (doctor to patient)