

Past continuous; wish

Task 1. Put the verbs in brackets in their correct tenses.

1. We (drink) hot chocolate when we (hear) the thunder.
2. The rain (start) while we (sit) on the beach.
3. George (travel) on the bus when he (find) a phone.
4. I (take) a lot of photos while I (walk) in the desert.
5. We (put) up the tent when the wind (get) stronger.
6. Daisy (fall) on the ice while she (skate) with friends.

Task 2. Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs in brackets.

1. If I (be) you, I (put) ice on the burn on your arm – it's the best thing to do.
2. I wish you (think) about others for a change.
3. If you (can/choose) a superpower, which one (you/have)?
4. I wish (be able to/heal) people.
5. If only I (not/need) to work all summer in this horrible office.
6. I wish you (not/play) computer games every evening.
7. If only you (give up) smoking.
8. I wish I (have) a friend like Julie.
9. I would do the housework if I (have) time.
10. I (go) to the cinema if I (not have) to do the housework. Sorry!

Task 3.

a. Write Second Conditional sentences using the information in bold and in brackets. Use commas where necessary.

E.g. I wish I didn't have this virus (I / go out and meet my friends)

→ *I'd go out and meet my friends if I didn't have this virus.*

1. If only the exam was next week (we / have a bit longer for revision)

→ If _____

2. I wish my legs were stronger (I / run much further)

→ I _____

3. If only we lived on the coast (I / walk on the beach every day)

→ If _____

4. I wish you liked fish (we / have a healthier diet)

→ We _____

b. Write a second sentence to show that you would like the situation or behaviour to be different.

My brother borrows my clothes without asking.

I wish *my brother wouldn't borrow* my clothes without asking.

1. I have a dislocated finger.

→ If only _____ a dislocated finger.

2. My daughter never calls me.

I wish _____ call me sometimes.

3. Our school doesn't have recycling bins.

I wish _____ recycling bins.

4. My friend isn't talking to me.

If only _____ to me.

5. Fast-food is bad for you.

If only _____ bad for you.

ANSWER KEY

Task 1.

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| 1. were drinking; heard | 2. started; were sitting |
| 3. was travelling; found | 4. took; was walking |
| 5. were putting; got | 6. fell; was skating |

Task 2.

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| 1. were you; would put | 2. would think |
| 3. could choose; would you have | 4. was/ were able to heal |
| 5. didn't need | 6. wouldn't play |
| 7. would give up | 8. had |
| 9. had | 10. would go; didn't have |

Task 3.

a.

1. If the exam was next week, we would have a bit longer for revision.
2. I would run much further if my legs were stronger.
3. If we lived on the coast, I would walk on the beach every day.
4. We would have a healthier diet if you liked fish.

b.

1. If only **I didn't have** a dislocated finger.
2. I wish **my daughter would** call me sometimes.
3. I wish **our school had** recycling bins.
4. If only **my friend would talk** to me.
5. If only **fast-food wasn't** bad for you.