

EXPRESSING WISHES AND REGRETS

**247** Ann doesn't like her new house. Write what she wishes.

The house is so old and dirty. She has to paint it. The house doesn't have central heating. The kitchen is small.

1. *...I wish the house wasn't ... so old and dirty.*

2. ....



3. ....

4. ....

**248** Kate wants things to be different in the future. Write what she wishes.

I want my father to give me more pocket money. I want my brothers to stop fighting. I don't want my mother to make me eat vegetables. I don't want my sister to wear my clothes.

1. *...I wish my father would give ... me more pocket money.*

2. ....



3. ....

4. ....

**249** Ted regrets what he did or didn't do. Write what he wishes.

He left his job. He didn't listen to his wife. He robbed a bank. He was sent to prison.

1. *...I wish I hadn't ... left my job.*

2. ....



3. ....

4. ....

**252** Write what these people wish they had or hadn't done as in the example:

1. John drove his car so fast that he had an accident.

John: *...I wish I hadn't driven my car so fast. I wouldn't have had an accident.*.....

2. Julie was late and she missed the beginning of the film.

Julie: .....

3. Jack ate too much and he was sick.

Jack: .....

4. Claire was very nervous during her driving test and she didn't pass.

Claire: .....

5. Susan didn't take off her gold ring when she went swimming and she lost it in the sea.

Susan: .....

6. Terry and Jane didn't save any money so they didn't go on holiday last summer.

Terry and Jane: .....

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My life has been a mess and there's no one to blame on it but me!. It's been my fault , so I can't complain at all about all my misfortunes. I deserve it, and right now I just can regret doing all I did. It wouldn't be fair to say that life has treated me bad.

- 1.- When I was a kid I beat my friends and as a result I lost them all.
- 2.- I lied to my parents , so they stopped trusting me.
- 3.- I was lazy and never did my homework; as a result I couldn't get my Secondary Education degree.
- 4.- I was very selfish; I didn't help my family and friends; therefore, nobody liked me.
- 5.- I was so rude to girls that they all rejected me.
- 6.- I was such a stingy teenager man that I didn't go on trips with my classmates.
- 7.- I got so hooked on the Internet that I didn't have any social life.
- 8.- I was so jealous of my girlfriend that my girlfriend left me in the end and ran away with my best friend.
- 9.- I was disrespectful to my boss and I got fired.
- 10.- I once drove my car completely drunk and I was withdrawn my licence.
- 11.- I married a compulsive gambler and I went bankrupt.
- 12.- I once hit a policeman and I got arrested and now I'm on police files
- 13.- I invested all of my savings in the stock market and now I'm broke.
- 14.- I was so noisy every night that my neighbours didn't stand me.
- 15.- I have always been so proud and arrogant that I didn't let anyone help me.
- 16.- I have always been so unreliable that people didn't take me seriously.
- 17.- I neglected my appearance so much that I always looked much older.
- 18.- My best friend asked me for help but I made an excuse and she 's no longer my friend
- 19.- I forgot to turn off the microwave oven and my house caught fire.
- 20.- I mistook petrol for olive oil and I had to be taken to hospital.

#### EXAMPLE

- 1.- a) IF I hadn't beaten my friends I wouldn't have lost them.  
b) I wish I hadn't beaten my friends, as I wouldn't have lost them.  
c) I regret beating my friends, as I lost them because of that.  
d) I'm sorry I beat my friends; otherwise, I wouldn't have lost them