

*If you don't know where you're going, any road will take you there.*

Lewis Carroll



*If you don't think about the future, you won't have one.*

John Galsworthy

*If I walked across a river, the newspapers would say, 'President can't swim.'*

Lyndon Johnson

**PRESIDENT  
CAN'T SWIM**



*If you're tired of London, you're tired of life.*

Samuel Johnson

*If we didn't have winter, spring wouldn't be so nice.*

Anne Bradstreet



*Even if you do learn correct English, who will you speak it to?*

Clarence Darrow

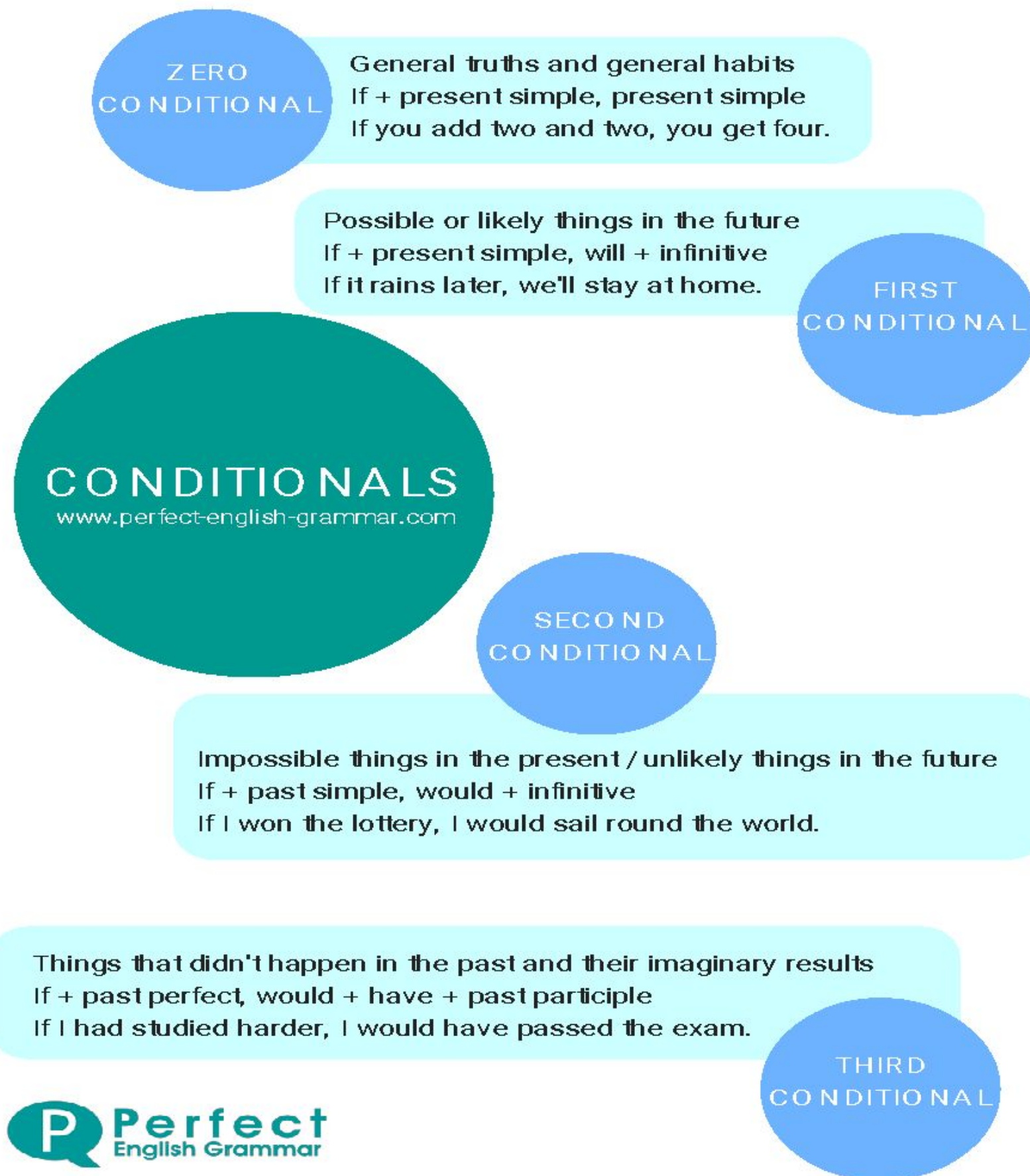
*If you love your job, you will never have to work again in your life.*

Confucius



*We'd have a great time if we stopped trying to be happy.*





# If I was VS If I were

If she was here, she'd disagree.

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If I was rich, I'd give money to charity.

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If I were you, I wouldn't take that job. (only! Advice!)

We can use *unless* to mean *if ... not* in the zero and first conditional. You can't use *unless* before a past tense.

*I run every morning if it isn't cold. OR I run every morning unless it's cold.*

*I will be disappointed if he doesn't come.*

NOT ~~*I would be disappointed unless he came.*~~

We can use *as / so long as* and *provided / providing (that)* with a similar meaning to *if*.

*I don't care as long as it's free.*

*It's easy **providing** you read the instructions.*

# Punctuation

I'd call him if I knew his number.

VS

If I knew his number, I'd call him



## Practice

### A Match the pairs.

- |                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 If I feel sad,          | a I'd ask for some help.              |
| 2 If I felt sad,          | b I phone my friend Sally.            |
| 3 If it snows tomorrow,   | a I'll make a snowman.                |
| 4 If it snowed in June,   | b I'd be very surprised.              |
| 5 If you are neighbours,  | a you already know each other.        |
| 6 If you were neighbours, | b you would see each other every day. |
| 7 I'll go to London       | a if I had a ticket.                  |
| 8 I'd go to London        | b if you come too.                    |
| 9 Water doesn't boil      | a if the kettle is broken.            |
| 10 The water won't boil   | b If it is heated to only 80°.        |
| 11 What would you do      | a if you're wrong?                    |
| 12 What will you do       | b if you were me?                     |

**C** Complete the sentences so that they are true for you.

1 If I saw a mouse, *I'd scream* !

2 If the weather is nice tomorrow, \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_, I always feel happy.

4 If it was my friend's birthday, \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_ I'll tell all my friends.

6 If today was Saturday, \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_ unless you study hard.

8 I can stay out late on Saturdays as long as \_\_\_\_\_





It is late at night. You are in bed. You hear a strange noise.

1 *If I heard a strange noise, I'd get up.* .....

You get up. The window is open.

2 *If the window was open, I'd close it.* .....

You close the window. You feel frightened.

3 .....  
.....

You go to your parents' room. Their room is empty.

4 .....  
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You call their mobiles. They are switched off.

5 .....  
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You are worried. You sit down on the bed.

6 .....  
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You think what to do next. You close your eyes.

7 .....  
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You fall asleep. You hear your alarm clock.

8 .....  
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You wake up. It was all a dream!



## MY TEST!

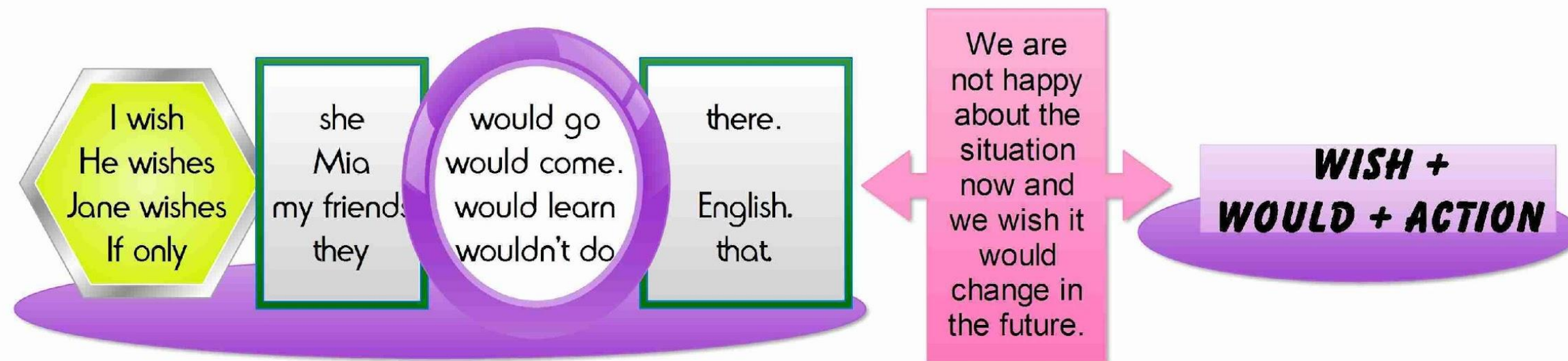
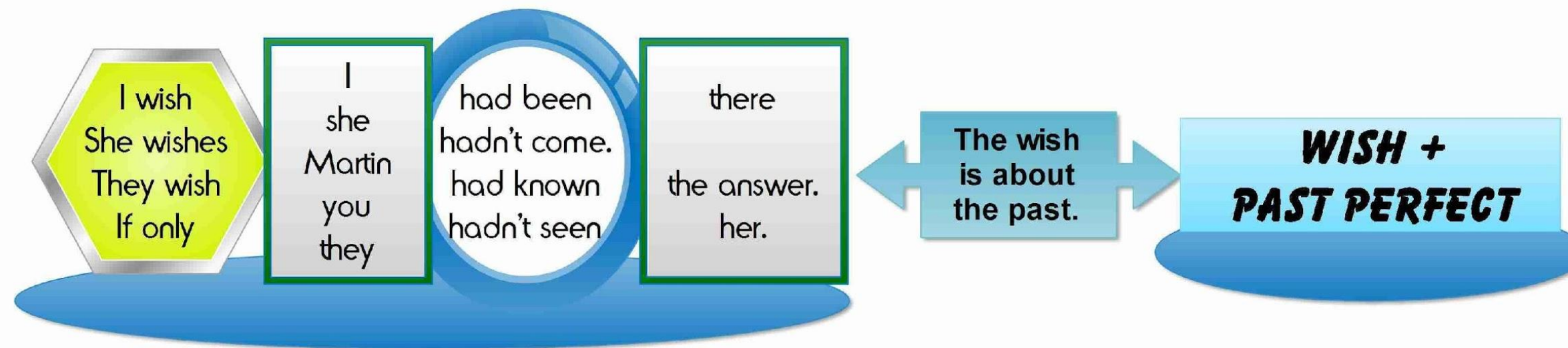
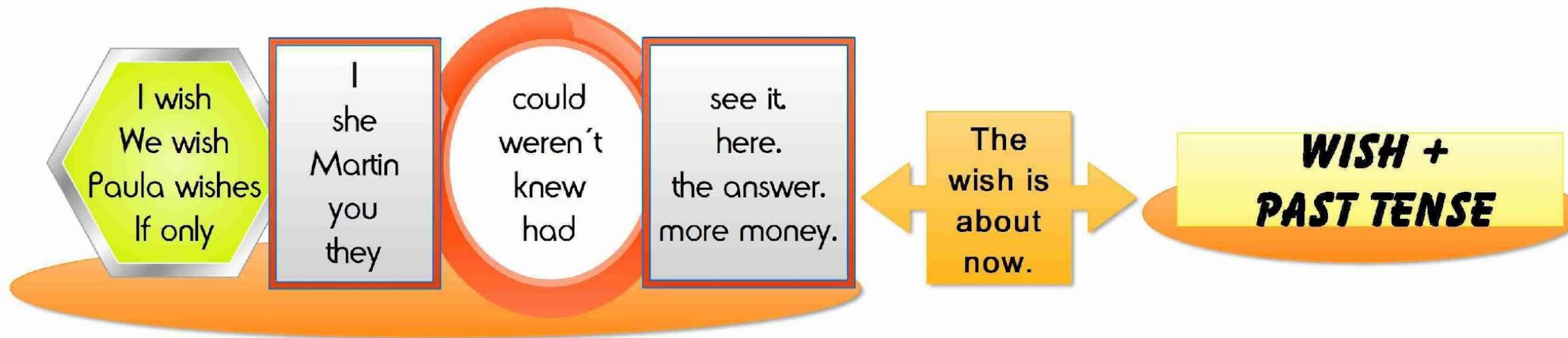
Circle the correct option.

- 1 If the library is closed, I ..... home.    a will go    b would go    c go
- 2 My eyes get tired if I ..... a lot.    a read    b will read    c would read
- 3 ..... you write your autobiography if you were famous?    a Will    b Would    c Should
- 4 If you ..... the book, you ..... the film.    a will like ... like    b would like ... will like    c like ... will like
- 5 *The Life of Lewis Carroll* isn't very interesting ..... biographies.    a if you will enjoy    b unless you enjoy  
c unless you will enjoy





# WISH CLAUSES





## Practice

### A Underline the correct option.

- 1 I wish I had my own room. (I have / don't have my own room.)
- 2 He wishes he had got up earlier. (The man got up late / early.)
- 3 I wish I was good at dancing. (I'm bad / good at dancing.)
- 4 If I'd taken the train, I would have got there on time.  
(I took / didn't take the train. I got / didn't get there on time.)
- 5 I wish my cousins didn't live so far away. (My cousins live far away / near.)
- 6 I wish I could say sorry. (I can / can't say sorry.)
- 7 There wouldn't have been an accident if she had driven more carefully.  
(She drove / didn't drive carefully. There was / wasn't an accident.)
- 8 I wish I hadn't given the company my phone number. (I gave / didn't give the company my phone number.)
- 9 If they hadn't helped me, the job would have taken a long time.  
(They helped / didn't help me. The job took / didn't take a long time.)

### B Complete the third conditional sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be be call go eat listen lose see

- 1 If I hadn't been a teacher, I 'd have been / would have been a footballer.
- 2 If we'd known what was happening, we ..... the police.
- 3 If you ..... to the instructions, you'd have known what to do.
- 4 If the children ..... more breakfast, they wouldn't have been hungry.
- 5 You ..... me if you'd waited a bit longer.
- 6 We'd have gone swimming if it ..... sunny.
- 7 If we ..... the match, I would have been so upset.
- 8 I ..... to the party if I hadn't been ill.

- E** Read the short biography of F Scott Fitzgerald and, in your notebook, write six regrets that you think he might have had for himself or his wife.

F Scott Fitzgerald was a writer in the 1920s. His novels are about the colourful lives of the young rich in the USA.

F Scott Fitzgerald started writing as a schoolboy. His first and most well-known novel, *The Great Gatsby*, was published in 1925. The novel was a big success. Fitzgerald and his new wife, Zelda Sayre, were immediately famous but they were soon in financial trouble.

Fitzgerald's later novels did not make as much money as the first. He often had to stop work on his novels and write short stories for magazines in order to make money. He did not particularly enjoy writing the short stories. Fitzgerald's marriage with his wife was very difficult. Many people consider that he did not write as much as he could because of this. Zelda became very ill later in life and spent long periods of time in hospital.

Fitzgerald died believing that he had been a failure. However, people consider him to be one of the best writers of the 20th century. It is a great pity that he did not see the success his novels later found.

Example: *I wish I had written more.*



## MY TURN!

Write two things that you are glad happened as they did, and two that you are sorry happened as they did.

**Example:** *I'm glad I came to live here. If I hadn't come to live here, I wouldn't have met all my great friends.*

Write about some things you would like to have or to be able to do.

**Example:** *I'm not good at singing. I wish I could sing.*



## MY TEST!

Circle the correct option.

- 1 I wish I ..... meet people with the same interests.    **a could**    **b can**    **c –**
- 2 I wish I ..... been born 100 years ago.    **a would**    **b had**    **c have**
- 3 I would have loved Fitzgerald's books if I ..... lived then.    **a had**    **b have**    **c would have**
- 4 If he hadn't loved his wife, he ..... have left.    **a had**    **b hadn't**    **c 'd**
- 5 I wish I ..... working on a farm.    **a am not**    **b not**    **c wasn't**

# Watch some examples



# Transcript

- - Oh, really? What do you wanna know?
- - What part of Australia are you from?
- - I'm from all over. My family moved around a lot.
- - So the rest of your family doesn't live in New York?
- - Do you always ask this many questions?
- - Do you always dodge this many questions? You can at least tell me where you got all the moves you pulled on the bar tonight.
- - Well, **if I told you, I'd have to kill you.**
- - That's original.



## Example 2



# Transcript

- If I were you, I'd grow eyes on the back of my head.
- Thanks for the advice.
- That's free.

# Example 3





# Transcript

- So, if you were home right now, what would you be doing?
- Typical Christmas-y stuff, you know? Our holidays are pretty traditional.

# Example 4



# Transcript

- - So, should we tell her?
- - I don't know. Phoebe, **if one of us saw Mike with another woman would you want us to tell you?**
- - Why? Who'd you seen him with?
- - No one, I'm just saying if...
- - **TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW!**
- - I know nothing! Mike's a great guy, it was hypothetical!
- - All right. He is a good guy.



# What have you studied?



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# More practice

- <https://www.englishdom.com/skills/grammar/>