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Past perfect tense



You are writing a diary entry about your day. Complete your diary entry by writing the correct form of the words in brackets.

Dear Diary,

Today I had a fun night out with my friends James, Tom and Lily. We all decided to go to the cinema. I said that I (1) _____ (want) to see *Geostorm*, but Lily (2) _____ (see) it already. So, we went to see *The Miracles of the Namiya General Store* instead.

We planned to meet at 6.30 p.m. I decided to take a nap beforehand as I felt tired. I overslept though and had to hurry. I (3) _____ (run) to the bus stop, but the bus (4) _____ (leave) already. Luckily, another bus came quickly. When I (5) _____ (arrive) at the cinema, James (6) _____ (buy) the tickets but Lily and Tom weren't there yet.

Before Lily and Tom (7) _____ (come), I (8) _____ (go) to buy popcorn. There was a long queue, so I had to wait for about 20 minutes. By the time I (9) _____ (finish) queuing, Lily and Tom (10) _____ (be) there for a while.

The film was really touching. I (11) _____ (never cry) so much in a cinema before I (12) _____ (see) this film.

I felt hungry after the film and asked if my friends would like to eat something. Lily said she would join. James and Tom (13) _____ (have) dinner before the film so they (14) _____ (not join) us. Lily and I went to the burger shop near the cinema to have a quick bite and left.

What a great night!

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Using *wish/if only* with the past perfect tense



You are texting with your friend. Complete your conversation using 'I wish' or 'if only' and the correct form of the words in brackets.

Matt: Hi, how are you doing?

You: It's raining and I'm soaking wet. (1) _____ (bring) an umbrella with me.

Matt: What are you out doing?

You: I went to the cinema. I'm really hungry now. (2) _____ (buy) some snacks.

Matt: Did you see *Justice League*? I heard it was really good.

You: No, I saw *The Glass Castle*. (3) _____ (see) that.

Matt: You didn't like *The Glass Castle*?

You: Not really. (4) _____ (not take) away some of the best scenes in the original book.

Matt: I see. By the way, did you have fun on Sports Day?

You: Yes, but my legs are still sore. (5) _____ (warm) up before the running race.

Matt: Did you win the race though?

You: No, I was second. (6) _____ (have) the energy to speed up during the last 100 metres.

Matt: At least you got a medal.

You: Yes, but now I can't find it. (7) _____ (keep) my room tidy. I wouldn't keep losing my things.

Matt: Didn't your mother tell you to tidy up your room?

You: (8) _____ (listen) to her.

Matt: Do you want to come over tomorrow? We can do our homework together and then play afterwards.

You: I don't think I should. I'm starting to feel sick. The cinema was freezing. (9) _____ (wear) warmer clothes.

Matt: Oh! Have you taken any medicine?

You: No. (10) _____ (take) some medicine. I'd probably feel better by now.

Matt: Perhaps you should go to the doctor then?

You: (11) _____ (go) to the doctor earlier. It's too late now. All the clinics are closed.

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Matt: That's not true. The clinic on Fifth Street is still open for another ten minutes.

You: (12) _____ (know) that earlier. I'm on Garden Street now. I don't think I can make it.

Matt: Perhaps you should take a taxi home now. You need to take a warm shower and sleep soon.

You: OK. Thanks, Matt.

Conditional sentences about unfulfilled past situations



You are writing a diary entry to recount your Inter-class Choral Competition. Complete the diary with the correct form of the words in brackets. Add modals when necessary.

As the conductor of the class choir, I had been anxious for the Inter-class Choral Competition for months. Last night, I just couldn't get into sleep. As I opened my eyes this morning, I was terrified and found that it was already 8 a.m.! If I

(1) _____ (set) the alarm clock, I (2) _____ (get) up on time! I rushed back to school as soon as I could. But when I arrived at the bus terminus, I noticed that I had left my wallet at home! If I (3) _____ (bring) my wallet with me, I (4) _____ (get) on the bus quickly.

A strange sense of uncertainty grew stronger as I was taking the bus. And I was right—there was a car accident on the way to my school that kept me stuck in a traffic jam. If I (5) _____ (know) from the news that there's an accident, (6) I _____ (take) the MTR. By then, our performance should have been over—I (7) _____ (not ruin) my class performance if I (8) _____ (take) good care of myself. Luckily, when I got to school, our performance was not over yet. All of my classmates were working hard for the final preparation, including those who usually refused to practise. If I (9) _____ (not be) late for school, I (10) _____ (not see) my class standing united as one without my help. 'You're back! We're getting prepared ourselves as we don't want to waste your effort!' yelled my classmates. I almost broke down when I heard such moving words. Eventually, it was our turn. As we were singing until the chorus, the keyboard piano suddenly went wrong.

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But we managed to sing without music! If the keyboard (11) _____ (not go) out of order, we simply (12) _____ (not sing) a beautiful a cappella. We really had given all we had and won the competition! If all these unexpected episodes (13) _____ (not spring) up, we (14) _____ (not reach) our potentials and gave our best performance.

Using *to*-infinitives and gerunds



You are writing a blog entry about some of your favourite hobbies. Complete the blog entry by writing the correct form of the words in brackets.

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My favourite hobbies

A lot of people ask me what my favourite hobbies are. Well, first of all, I really enjoy (1) _____ (go) to the cinema. I like (2) _____ (see) almost all types of films, but I usually avoid horror films because I dislike (3) _____ (be) scared. I also enjoy (4) _____ (watch) films and TV programmes at home. Nowadays, a lot of people don't mind (5) _____ (pay) a monthly subscription fee to access a large pool of video content. I haven't subscribed to this kind of service yet because my parents refuse (6) _____ (pay) for it. They told me to pay by myself if I wish (7) _____ (subscribe) to the service. Now I have to consider (8) _____ (spend) money on it or not.

Recently, I decided (9) _____ (start) a new hobby. It's called tae kwon do. In the past, I avoided (10) _____ (learn) it because I didn't like (11) _____ (use) violence to play sport. One day, a friend asked me (12) _____ (come) and watch his tae kwon do class. I learnt that it's not really violent after all.

Finally, another hobby I never stop (13) _____ (do) is origami. This is the practice of (14) _____ (make) interesting shapes by folding paper. Sometimes, it can be a difficult hobby to master, but I try (15) _____ (get) better every time. I hope I can master my origami skills and teach my friends in the future.

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Consolidation



A guest speaker came and gave a talk at your school. You transcribed what he said, but some of the words are unclear. Complete the transcript using 'I wish' or 'if only' and the correct form of the words in brackets.

Good afternoon, students. Today, I want (1) _____ (talk) about the dangers of drugs. As you know, I'm a former drug addict. (2) _____ (not start) taking drugs.

Let me tell you something about my past. Before I (3) _____ (arrest), I (4) _____ (do) drugs for more than three years. I (5) _____ (tried) ketamine, cocaine and heroin before I (6) _____ (turn) 17 years old. I was seriously addicted to drugs. I knew I had to stop (7) _____ (abuse) drugs, but I just couldn't resist it. I needed money for my addiction, so I kept (8) _____ (steal) from my family.

One day, I (9) _____ (buy) some drugs from a man with money that I (10) _____ (steal) from my mum's purse. It turned out that the man was an undercover police officer. I was arrested and sent to court. I admitted (11) _____ (commit) the crime, but the judge said I needed to be rehabilitated. I promised (12) _____ (change) my ways, but it was too late. If I (13) _____ (do) things differently, I (14) _____ (not go) to prison.

In total, I spent four years in prison. While my friends went to university, I was stuck there. (15) _____ (not waste) so many years of my life rotting away in a prison cell.

If you are considering (16) _____ (take) drugs, I'd suggest (17) _____ (think) about all the negative consequences. You don't wish (18) _____ (spend) so many years in prison like I did, do you?