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Text grammar **Inversion**

You are writing a play about the impacts of eating meat. You want to make some of the lines more emphatic. Rewrite the underlined sentences using inversion.

Scene 2

Randy: So, what would you like to order, beef or pork?

Emily: Neither sounds too appealing. I rarely eat meat. (1) _____.

Randy: If I had known your preference, I would have chosen a different restaurant!
(2) _____!

Emily: Don't worry. I in no way blame you. (3) _____.
I realized that this was a steak house only after we had sat down. (4) _____
_____.

Randy: Would you mind telling me why you don't like eating meat?

Emily: Meat is not only harmful to our body, it is also harmful to the environment.
(5) _____.
People seldom think about the environmental impact of eating meat. (6) _____
_____.

Randy: Really? I have never heard about either of these impacts before. Could you tell me more?

Emily: Certainly. In fact, I did not understand the full extent of the harmful effects of meat consumption until I read a book about vegetarianism. (7) _____

The land for rearing livestock is never in low demand. (8) _____
_____. Not only is a
massive amount of land needed for rearing animals, it is also needed for growing crops
for animals to eat.

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Randy: I know what follows. In search of huge land supply, agriculture corporations have to rely on deforestation. The trees are cut down and wild animals driven away. When the natural habitats of the tropical animals are destroyed, they are likely to become extinct. Extinct animals will never come to life again. (9) _____
_____. Global warming is another consequence as well. How scary!

Emily: You're right, Randy. Human beings in no way could deny this painful truth. (10) _____
Indeed, it takes thousands of years for tropical rainforests to grow. Tropical rainforests can rarely regenerate to their current state once they are cut down. (11) _____
_____.

Randy: Human beings will realize the problem has grown irreversible only when more animals and plants become extinct. (12) _____
_____.
If the general public had been educated more about the environmental impact of meat consumption, we could have reduced our damage to the planet. (13) _____
_____.
_____.

Emily: Better late than never. I think we can still try to save our planet.

Randy: Right. Let's just go to another restaurant. The food here is not only overpriced, it is also something you don't like. (14) _____
_____.

Emily: OK. I know a great vegetarian restaurant a couple blocks from here. People seldom go there because it is not as well-known as this one. (15) _____
_____.

However, the food is brilliant.

Randy: If I had known there was such a good restaurant nearby, I would have gone there straight away. (16) _____
_____. Ha! Ha!

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Using wish/if only with the past perfect tense

You are writing a poem for a youth magazine about teenage fantasies. Complete the poem using 'wish/if only' and the correct form of the word in brackets. You may need to form negatives by adding 'not'.

(1) _____ (have) a gorgeous face.

If only I had dyed my long hair blonde.

(2) _____ (buy) that pretty dress made of lace.

I wish I may, I wish I might.

(3) _____ (look) slimmer from head to toe.

I wish I had had the determination to work out.

(4) _____ (give) it a go.

If only I had, If only I had not.

(5) _____ (make) the football team.

(6) _____ (eat) so many sweets.

(7) _____ (achieve) my dream.

I wish I may, I wish I might.

(8) _____ (grow) taller.

(9) _____ (be) more athletic.

(10) _____ (become) a basketball player.

If only I had, If only I had not.

(11) _____ (try) to cut my own hair.

(12) _____ (put) on so much makeup yesterday.

(13) _____ (have) skin much more fair.

I wish I may, I wish I might.

(14) _____ (win) the beauty contest.

(15) _____ (take) home the trophy.

(16) _____ (look) the best.

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Conditional sentences about unfulfilled past situations

You are managing an online confessional platform where teens can write their deepest regrets anonymously. There is a problem with the Internet, so some of the words are unclear. Complete the confessions by writing conditional sentences about unfulfilled past situations using the words in brackets.

Sirsleepsalot, M 13 years old

I got into big trouble today because I was late to school again. It wasn't my fault this time though! But, no one believes me. My phone died in the middle of the night, so my alarm never went off. (1) _____

(my phone not die/hear the alarm) (2) _____ (check the battery before

go to sleep/know it is running out of battery) If I had woken up earlier, I would not have been late. (3) _____

_____ (not be late/be scolded by my class teacher)

Residentsleeper, M 14 years old

I failed in my English final exam. (4) _____ (study harder/pass the exam)

Why was I such a daydreamer this year? (5) _____ (not be daydreaming in class/learn more)

I rarely took notes. (6) _____ (take notes in class/not be so forgetful)

I was just too lazy.

ShyBetty, F 15 years old

I rarely exercise and look plumper than most of my friends. Last week, I dared not go to my friend's pool party. I would probably get teased about my fat body. (7) _____ (feel more confident in

myself/not skip the pool party) I wish I had hit the gym more often and looked healthier. (8) _____

(exercise more/be in better shape) I should have gone on a diet as well. (9) _____

(look slimmer/not be nervous about wearing a swimsuit) I never thought that my body would bring me any trouble one day.

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Grieving Sally, F 13 years old

I'm so disappointed in my older sister. It was her job to look after our family dog Spot. But, she didn't take it seriously. (10) _____

_____ (take Spot out for a walk/Spot not feel bored)

(11) _____

(not give Spot too many treats/Spot not feel sick) (12) _____

_____ (not fall ill/not be sent to veterinary clinic)

Poor Thief, M 14 years old

I did something really bad the other day. I stole money from my mum's purse to buy the latest video game. She didn't know who took it. (13) _____

_____ (not steal money from my mum's purse/not lack money for dinner this week) (14) _____

_____ (have enough money for dinner this week/not be so anxious)

(15) _____

_____ (not be so anxious

/not be hit by a sudden rise of blood pressure) (16) _____

_____ (not be hit by a sudden rise of blood pressure/not be sent to hospital) I promise my mum that I will be a good boy and never steal anything again.

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Consolidation

Your friend is writing a play about a university student's preparation to join a beauty pageant. She has asked you to help her proofread the script. Cross out the mistakes or insert any missing words using a ^. Write the correct words on the lines on the right.

- Coach:** How was your week, Erica? Did you do the exercises we talked about?
- Erica:** (*proudly*) No, I didn't do them because they seemed rather pointless.
- Coach:** Mind your words, Erica. Never I do assign pointless exercises. Not only (1) _____
they are good for your health, but they will also help you prepare (2) _____
for the pageant. Had I know that you would ignore my advice, (3) _____
I would have asked you to report your fitness progress every day.
- Erica:** I wished I had not told you the truth just now. (4) _____
- Coach:** Rarely does university students get the chance to compete in such a (5) _____
high-profile beauty contest. If only you take this more seriously. (6) _____
- Erica:** (*guiltily*) I know. If I had do my exercises according to your fitness plan, (7) _____
I would had a better chance at winning. (8) _____
- Coach:** Never one can change the past. Tell me about your diet for the last week. (9) _____
- Erica:** Well, I have to admit that I cheated a bit. If only I had not eat a (10) _____
piece of birthday cake. But I couldn't help it. Rarely do a piece of cake (11) _____
look so tempting to me. I had not had any sugary dessert, I would not (12) _____
gained an extra kilogram. (13) _____
- Coach:** That's all right. You have to learn to control your cravings if you want to
do well in the swimsuit session of the contest. I wish you had try a piece (14) _____
of fruit instead.
- Erica:** After only I ate it did I begin to feel regret. I guess I don't have much (15) _____
self-discipline. Maybe I should just quit the contest now. I'll never win.
- Coach:** Erica, you know what? I had known that you were a quitter, I would (16) _____
never have agree to be your coach. (17) _____
- Erica:** (*anxiously*) Do you really think I can win?
- Coach:** (*confidently*) Of course! But from now on, in way can you be lazy. (18) _____
The clock is ticking. It's only two weeks to the contest.
- Erica:** It's just so hard though. Never I have gone on a strict regimen like this. (19) _____
- Coach:** Seldom people can achieve anything important without hard work. (20) _____
- Erica:** You're right. I'm going to work harder now and strive for the best!
- Coach:** (*enthusiastically*) That's the spirit. Now, I wish that we have had more
time to discuss this, but, unfortunately, our time is up today.