

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Vocabulary

1 Match the two halves of the sentences.

- 1 I didn't pass my Maths test
- 2 It doesn't matter if you fail
- 3 Sometimes I just feel like giving up
- 4 My addiction to computer games
- 5 A lot of people rely on me
- a as long as you try your hardest.
- b but I don't want to dwell on it too much.
- c gets in the way of my studies.
- d and I don't want to let anyone down.
- e when things don't go my way.

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2 Complete the email with the words in the list.

blame | hardest | work | dwell | way

Hi Emile

Your dad told me you were upset about your test results, because you feel like you've let us down. Well, that's not true. I know you tried your ¹ _____, and you're not to ² _____ yourself for failing. Things don't always ³ _____ out the way we'd like them to. Also, I know it has been hard at home for a while. Moving house definitely got in the ⁴ _____ of your studies for the past month, so don't ⁵ _____ on it! I'm sure you'll do better next time.

Love

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3 Circle the correct words.

- 1 School *graduates* / *leavers* can't usually expect a very high salary.
- 2 If you're not sure what job you want to do, go and see a *careers* / *work* advisor.
- 3 Higher *course* / *education* isn't for everyone – some choose to go straight into a job after leaving school or do an apprenticeship.
- 4 Most *leavers* / *graduates* leave university in a lot of debt.
- 5 Some believe *life* / *school* experience is worth a lot more than a formal education.

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Grammar

4 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 If only I _____ (not fail) my driving test, I could drive us to the concert.
- 2 I wish my friends _____ (understand) how I feel about eating meat. Then they wouldn't make fun of me.
- 3 I wish I _____ (study) more for the exams. I didn't do very well.
- 4 If only Mary _____ (not forget) to lock the car door. Then my car wouldn't have been stolen.
- 5 If only I _____ (can) speak Japanese – that would be so cool!

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5 Match the sentences.

- 1 I've been sleeping really badly.
- 2 My best friend isn't talking to me.
- 3 I need a new computer.
- 4 All the tickets have already sold out.
- 5 Sorry, I can't help you.
- a I wish I hadn't lied to her.
- b If only I could afford one!
- c I wish you'd told me about the concert earlier.
- d I wish I could.
- e I wish our neighbours weren't so noisy.

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6 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

think | feel | not have | not eat | know

- I wish _____ an argument with my sister yesterday.
- If only _____ how to play a musical instrument.
- I wish _____ more carefully about what to study at college.
- If only _____ a little bit more confident about myself.
- I wish _____ so much this afternoon.

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7 Circle the correct words.

- I'd sooner / I'd prefer walk to school than take the bus.
- Sammy would prefer / rather it if you didn't call him after 7 pm.
- It's about time I went / go home. I've got to get up early tomorrow.
- To be honest, I'd rather staying / stay at home this evening.
- You'd rather / prefer watch a movie, wouldn't you?

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8 Complete the mini-dialogues with the phrases in the list.

you learned | went on a diet | stay in a hotel | to do | we got a takeaway

- A I still don't know how to fix a flat tyre.
B Well, as we have one, it's time _____!
- A I'm going to make a pizza for everyone this evening.
B I'd prefer it if _____.
- A Would you like to go to the park or the beach?
B I don't know. Ask the kids what they'd prefer _____.
- A How do you feel about going camping this summer?
B To be honest, I'd rather _____.
- A You've put on quite a lot of weight.
B I know. It's about time I _____.

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9 Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs in the list.

wear | not play | listen | do | start

- A Mark, I'd rather you didn't chew your food so loudly while I'm trying to work. It's really annoying.
- B Well I'd prefer it if you ¹ _____ your music through the computer speakers while I'm trying to work. It's hard to concentrate.
- A Why didn't you say so before?
- B Why should I? It's about time you ² _____ to think of others, instead of just thinking of yourself all the time.
- A Would you rather I ³ _____ to classical music instead?
- B I don't want any music at all! I'd sooner you ⁴ _____ headphones.
- A Oh, good idea. I'd rather ⁵ _____ that, too. Then I won't be able to hear you eat!

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10 Politely ask someone to change their behaviour in the situations below. Use your own words.

- Your brother always leaves your door open when he leaves your room.

- Your friend doesn't ask you before he borrows your phone.

- You want fish for dinner tonight, not chicken.

- Your classmate copies all your answers during tests.

- Your sister always forgets to turn off the bathroom light.

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