

Vocabulary

Age

Complete each gap with an option from the box.

adolescent	getting on	preteen	in their teens	senior citizens
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- My brother recently described my mother as _____ and she was absolutely furious with him!
- Some cities experience a lot of trouble with _____ children displaying anti-social behaviour.
- Many parents experience difficulties when their children are _____ but this is a natural process for the family.
- Public transport and services offer discounts for _____ to help them cope with a lower income.
- Some children can feel frustrated when they are a _____ because they want to be older and more grown up.

Language focus

Wish, if only and hope

1 Match 1–9 to a–i to make sentences.

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| 1 Ana wished she hadn't left | _____ | a and just enjoy the competition instead. |
| 2 If only Sam had caught the earlier train, | _____ | b complaining about everything and be more positive. |
| 3 I wish I had worked harder at school, I | _____ | c could go on exotic holidays. |
| 4 I wish I could earn more money than I | _____ | d her umbrella at home today. |
| 5 If only he would stop worrying | _____ | e but they were flying home that afternoon. |
| 6 I wish I understood French. I'd like to | _____ | f would have more qualifications now. |
| 7 All the children wished it was | _____ | g he wouldn't be so late now. |
| 8 Jan wished his sister would stop | _____ | h the end of the day so they could go and play. |
| 9 They both wished they had longer in London | _____ | i visit the country and not feel confused! |

2 In which of the following sentences a–d is the speaker saying he/she:

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| 1 wants something to happen in the future that is possible? | _____ |
| 2 wants something to happen in the future that is unlikely? | _____ |
| 3 wants something to happen in the future that is not possible? | _____ |
| 4 regrets not doing something in the past? | _____ |
| a I wish he could talk to me before the meeting. | |
| b I wish I had talked to him before the meeting. | |
| c If only he would talk to me before the meeting. | |
| d I hope he talks to me before the meeting. | |

Transformations

- 3 For questions 1–9, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. Here is an example.

0 It's a good thing you were there to help us because otherwise we wouldn't have known what to do.
YOU
 We wouldn't have known what to do if you weren't there to help us.

- 1 Rachel only failed her driving test because she panicked.
NOT
 If Rachel had _____ passed her driving test.
- 2 It's a shame we can't come to your wedding.
ONLY
 If _____ to your wedding.
- 3 It wasn't a good idea for you to borrow Dad's car without asking him.
SHOULD
 You _____ Dad's car without asking him.
- 4 We missed the beginning of the film because Harry arrived late.
HAD
 If _____ time, we wouldn't have missed the beginning of the film.
- 5 The cold weather doesn't bother me, unless it's windy.
LONG
 The cold weather doesn't bother me as _____ windy.
- 6 A local boy cleans my car every Saturday.
HAVE
 I _____ a local boy every Saturday.
- 7 If you don't listen to what I'm saying, you won't know what to do for homework.
PAY
 You won't know what to do for homework unless _____ to what I'm saying.
- 8 You can always rely on Peter's opinion.
SOMEBODY
 Peter _____ opinion you can always rely on.
- 9 I regret not working harder before the exams.
WISH
 I _____ before the exams.