

5B GRAMMAR unreal uses of past tenses

a Circle the correct answer, a, b, or c.

- That boyfriend of yours is useless. Isn't it time ____ a new one?
a you found
b you find
c you had found
- If only our neighbours ____ a dog, life would be much more peaceful.
a wouldn't have
b don't have
c didn't have
- What a lovely view! I wish ____ my camera.
a I brought
b I'd brought
c I've brought
- I'm too tired to go out tonight. I'd rather ____ at home.
a we would stay
b we'd stayed
c we stayed
- If only ____ Mike the car, we'd be able to drive there.
a you hadn't lent
b you lent
c you didn't lend
- Come on, children! It's time ____ to bed.
a you go
b you had gone
c you went
- I'd rather ____ your shoes off at the door, if you don't mind.
a you took
b you take
c you had taken
- I'd love to be able to sing in a choir. If only ____ a better voice!
a I'd have
b I had
c I have
- As soon as I said it, I wished ____.
a I wouldn't
b I hadn't
c I didn't
- Diane thinks it's high time her daughter ____ married.
a had got
b gets
c got
- Those children look freezing. I bet they wish ____ indoors.
a they were
b they had been
c they would be
- As you're busy, ____ we postponed the meeting?
a had you rather
b would you rather
c do you rather
- I'd wear these jeans more often if ____ so tight.
a they were
b they weren't
c they wouldn't be
- If only those people in the front row ____ talking. I can't hear the film!
a would stop
b stopped
c will stop
- I've just had a text from Ann. She'd rather ____ at 6.30, as she's running late.
a we had met
b we were meeting
c we met

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b Look at the context and complete each of the sentences in a logical way.

- It's high time _____. (parent to teenager)
- I wish you _____. (wife to husband)
- I'd rather you _____. (boss to employee)
- If only our teacher _____. (student to student)
- If you hadn't _____. (doctor to patient)