

10A Pronunciation

Word groups and main stress

A Mark the main stress on these criticisms and regrets. Then tick the criticisms and regrets if you've ever experienced these feelings.

I would much rather have been told the truth.

If I'd known it would be so dangerous, I would never have tried it.

It's about time they did more for young people where I live.

I wish I had made a better impression at the interview.

I ought to have thought more about my family than myself.

It's time we moved to a bigger flat/house.

I might have become a professional if I had had lessons.

I needn't have bothered helping him/her.

I would love to have seen more of the last place I went to on holiday.

I should have trusted my gut instinct.


I ought not to have bought it but I just couldn't resist it.

I wish he/she would stop telling me all their problems.

I would much rather do something I really want to do than work just for the money.

I ought to have checked that everything worked properly before I used it.

If only I had studied harder at school.

B  Work in pairs. Take turns to tell your partner which sentences you ticked and explain the circumstances behind the criticism or regret.