

Grammar past simple and past perfect: unreal uses

	Circle	the	correct	answer.
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- 1 That boyfriend of yours is useless. Isn't it time ____ a new one?
 - (a you found)
 - b you find
 - c you had found
- 2 If only our neighbours ____ a dog, life would be much quieter.
 - a wouldn't have
 - **b** don't have
 - c didn't have
- 3 What a lovely view. I wish my camera.
 - a I brought
 - **b** I'd brought
 - **c** I've brought
- 4 I'm too tired to go out tonight. I'd rather ____ at home.
 - a to stay
 - **b** stay
 - c stayed
- 5 If only you ____ Mike the car, we'd be able to drive there.
 - a hadn't lent
 - b lent
 - c didn't lend

- 6 Come on, children! It's time ____ to bed now.
 - a you go
 - **b** you must go
 - c you went
- 7 I'd rather _____ your shoes off at the door, if you don't mind.
 - a you took
 - **b** you take
 - c you to take
- 8 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
- **9** As soon as I said it, I wished .
 - a I wouldn't
 - **b** I hadn't
 - c I didn't
- **10** Diane thinks it's time her daughter ____ married.
 - a get
 - **b** to get
 - **c** got

Consolidation

- 11 Those children look freezing. I bet they wish ____ indoors.
 - a they were
 - **b** they are
 - c they can be
- 12 As you're busy, ____ we postponed the meeting?
 - a had you rather
 - **b** would you rather
 - c would rather
- 13 I'd wear these jeans more often if they ____ so tight.
 - a were
 - b weren't
 - c wouldn't be
- 14 If only those people in the front row ____ talking. I can't hear the film!
 - a would stop
 - **b** stopped
 - c will stop
- 15 I've just had a text from Ann. She'd rather we ____ at 6.30, as she's running late.
 - a meet
 - **b** to meet
 - c met

Write a short dialogue between two people who are arguing. For example, the argument could be between a strict parent and a rebellious teenager.

Activation

In your dialogue, try to use some of the structures from the exercise above. When you have finished, check the grammar with a partner. Then perform the dialogue for the class.

