

Grammar Lesson

Lesson 29: I wish I had studied harder

レッスン 29: もう少ししっかり勉強すればよかった

Target: Using "wish" correctly

目的: "wish" を正しく使いましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (be) wonderful	すてきな
• (to) have the time of one's life	楽しく過ごす
• (be) overweight	太り過ぎ
• (be) obese	肥満体の
• a bucket load of...	たくさんの
• a break up	別れる
• (to) gorge oneself on...	〜を腹いっぱい詰め込む
• a belly	腹
• later on	あとで

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I've been living in America now for almost three months. I've had an amazing time with lots of wonderful experiences. I'm having the time of my life. There are just so many interesting things to see and do. It's just so different to back home. It is every expensive though. I really wish I had brought more money with me.

There are some things I miss, though. I really miss my family. The last time I saw my brother was the day I left. It was his birthday so I wished him a happy birthday, gave him his present, then left for the airport. I really wish my family would come and visit me, but they said they can't because they have to work. I really wish we were rich so that my parents wouldn't have to work.

There are a few things about living here that really annoy me. I really wish people would take better care of their bodies. There are just so many people that are either overweight or obese, it's scary. I go to the gym every day and try to watch what I eat and I just wish other people would as well.

I'm not perfect myself, though. I have made my fair share of mistakes, and I have a bucket load of regrets. Two years ago, after a tough breakup I stopped eating right and just gorged myself on junk food for weeks. I thought it was making me feel better but it was just making me fatter. By the time I realized I needed to change my diet, I had gained 10kg. I had quite the belly. I really wish I hadn't eaten all that terrible food, because it took me a forever to lose the weight and get back in shape.

Another one of my regrets is quite recent. Last week while I was out shopping. I saw my favorite actor, Bradley Cooper. I asked him if I could take a picture with him and he said sure. When I went into my bag to get my camera I suddenly realized that I had left it at home. I can't believe I forgot my camera. I really wish I could have taken a picture with him. All my friends would have been so jealous.

This Sunday, there is a party at my friend Tom's house. My boyfriend said he could come, but then later on he cancelled. I wish he was still coming. Parties are just so much more fun with him.

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Answer the questions below

1. What does she wish she had brought?
2. Who did she wish happy birthday to?
3. Who does she wish would come visit her?
4. Does she wish his family were rich?
5. What does she wish she hadn't done?
6. Who does she wish she could have taken a picture with?
7. Does she wish her boyfriend was coming to the party?
8. How many examples of "wish" can you find?

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