

Student B

Roleplay 1

You are talking to your girlfriend / boyfriend about some relationship problems you've been having. You want to suggest changes to his / her behaviour and tell them what bothers you. He / she takes forever to answer texts and never picks up the phone when you call. You think he / she is too materialistic and is more concerned about presents and fancy food than spending quality time with you.

Roleplay 2

You are talking to your adult child, with whom you live, trying to explain to them you are still the boss of the house. If they want to live with you, then they have to make more of an effort. They never clean the house, and refuse to get a part-time job. You feel that their friends are a bad influence on them. Your child is lazy and doesn't study as much as he/she should. He/she often leaves the house at night and don't return until the morning, which worries you.

Roleplay 3

Your manager comes to talk to you about your performance at work. He/She feels you are not working hard enough, and is complaining that their project will suffer as a result. He/She never lets you have a long weekend (Friday-Monday holiday) and only ten days off in summer, so you have to find a way enjoy yourself somehow. They always ask for too much information about your private life, even though you are not friends, just colleagues. They are really posh and always make fun of how you speak. You feel they are too demanding.

I wish If only I would rather I would sooner It's time

I wish/If only + subject + past tense (to talk about present situations)

[I wish I were on the moon with my colleagues.]

I wish/If only + subject + past perfect (to talk about past regrets)

[If only I had brought some crossword puzzles here with me.]

Subject + would + rather/sooner + infinitive (to talk about personal preference)

[I would sooner be at home with my wife and kids than here.]

Subject + would + rather/sooner + subject + past tense (to talk about preferences for others' behaviour)

[I would rather you didn't tell my parents about the party on Saturday.]

Subject + would rather + subject + past perfect (to talk about preferences for others' behaviour)

[I would rather you hadn't told my parents about the party on Saturday.]

It's (high/about) time + subject + past tense (expresses that something should be done and that it is already a bit late)

[It's (high/about) time we left this terrible party.]

