

Student A

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 is always out partying with their friends and never treats you to fancy meals and never buys you presents. You haven't been on holiday together in 4 years.

Roleplay 2

You are talking to your parents, with whom you live, trying to explain to them you are an adult and you need more freedom, independence and privacy. They cut off your allowance if you don't do the housework, even though they know you have no other source of income. However, you study so it's hard to keep the house clean. They constantly check up on you to make sure you are studying and want to know where you are at all times.

Roleplay 3

You are talking to your employee whose performance at work has suffered lately. The success of your own project depends on their work so you'd like to let them know you are concerned with their attitude. You demand only the best from your employees and expect them to work hard throughout the year. You've also noticed your employee sometimes comes to work looking very tired and smelling of alcohol. You also feel their choice of language isn't professional enough.

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.]