

THEME 5 BACK TO THE PAST LISTENING SKILL (SPICE UP)

A. Listen to the dialogues and match them with the problems. One problem is extra. (Tapescript 5.1)

1. not paying enough attention to the outfit _____
2. not putting enough effort into schoolwork _____
3. not being punctual or responsible _____

B. Listen to two people talking about their regrets. Match them with their possible statements. One is extra.

(Tapescript 5.5)

1. I wish I hadn't been too ambitious about making money.
2. I wish I had been more physically active.
3. I wish I had been a more responsible student when I was at high school.

C. Listen again and tick Yes or No. (Tapescript 5.5)

YES NO

1. Wendy wishes she had studied more.
2. She wishes she had chosen an easier job.
3. She wishes she hadn't gotten married at all.
4. Dan wishes he had worked more to be richer.
5. He wishes he had been with his family more

D. Listen to the dialogue and put it into correct order. (Tapescript 5.1 Workbook)

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___ **Mum:** Barbara, you're not a kid anymore. You are responsible for your own study routine. Maybe, this failure will teach you a lesson for the future. Come on now, don't worry so much.

___ **Barbara:** Probably! You could have been a little more specific, though! You said nothing, but just "Study day by day."

___ **Barbara:** I failed the exam. I'm so sad!

___ **Barbara:** It's easier said than done! Anyway, let's have the salad.

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___ **Mum:** Oh, Barbara! I knew it. If you had done what I said, you would have been happy.

___ **Barbara:** Yeah, me too. However, if you had studied with me regularly, I would have passed the exam. You've always been good at history.

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Tapescript 5.1

Dialogue 1

Karen: I wish you hadn't gone to the concert without me last night. I really felt upset.

Nigel: If you hadn't been late again, I wouldn't have left home without you. I came home, got dressed and waited for you, but you didn't turn up, Karen. Listen, you must learn time management.

Karen: Oh, come on, Nigel. I arrived home only half an hour later than we agreed. By the way, it was quite early for the concert. I think there is something more than that.

Nigel: Oh, Karen. If you had kept me posted on your arrival time, I would have waited a bit longer. However, you didn't.

Karen: My phone's battery died, and I couldn't charge it because I forgot my charger somewhere.

Nigel: Oh, Karen. You are always doing this. I wish you had planned everything before going to the concert. It wasn't my fault. Sorry.

Dialogue 2

Linda: Hey, Jimmy. I saw the photo that you posted on your account. I wish you hadn't shared it.

Jimmy: Why? Didn't you like it? If you had chosen a photo, I would have shared that one for sure.

Linda: No, that's not the problem. I would have uploaded my photos to my own account if I had wanted.

Jimmy: Really? If you had told me about that, I wouldn't have done that.

Linda: I thought you'd already known that. I'll be happy if you delete it..

Jimmy: Sure, Linda. I'm so sorry about that.

Linda: Oh, please don't do that. Just remember not to put on that shirt on any special occasions.

Tapescript 5.5

Speaker 1, Wendy

When I was a teenager, I always wanted to hang out with my friends. Actually, the lessons seemed quite hard to me, and mostly I preferred watching films instead of studying. As a result, I couldn't study at college and had to get a job with difficult conditions. When I was only 22, I decided to get married, and five years later, I had two children. When I look back now, I wish I had made different choices. First of all, I wish I hadn't given up so early and tried on my lessons more. I wish I had struggled to get a college education and, of course, I wish I had had a more comfortable job. The last thing is that I wish I hadn't gotten married at an early age and had been a mother a bit later.

Speaker 2, Dan

I have just retired from a long and tiring job. For forty years, I only lived for my business. I didn't go on holiday with my family and even worked hard at weekends. I wanted to work more and more to earn a lot. I didn't know how to enjoy life. After I retired, I realised that I missed too many important events in my family. I wish I had seen this many years ago and spent more time with them. I wish I hadn't been busy trying to earn a lot. And I wish I had stopped that crazy life earlier and had a chance to rest more. Maybe it is not too late, and I can witness my grandchildren growing up.

Tapescript 5.1 Workbook

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