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Un exercice complémentaire : *I wish... / If only...*

(Exercice corrigé ci-après. Dernière page : exercice en version photocopiable.)

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- [Regret] I wish I (not / use up) _____ my mobile phone credit on such stupid calls last week.
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- [Wish] If only my parents (let) _____ me move into my own flat!
- [Wish] I wish my parents (not/ sit) _____ behind me like the police when I surf on the net.
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Corrigé (exemples)

- [Wish] I wish I **could buy** my own clothes!
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