

Ric Elias (TED.com) 3 Things I Learned While My Plane Crashed

Introduction

- 1) What is a "Bucket List"?
- 2) Have you ever made a bucket list? What was on it? Did you do any of the things?
- 3) What would be on your bucket list at the moment?

Video

You are going to watch a video from TED.com in which Ric Elias, the CEO of a successful marketing company, talks about a dramatic moment in his life. Watch for the first time and answer the questions below:

- 1) What did Ric's dramatic moment involve?
- 2) What went through his head as it was happening?
- 3) What three things did Ric learn that day?
- 4) What "gifts" was he given?

Watch again, this time fill in the gaps below:

Now I want to share with you three things I learned about myself that day. I learned that it all _____ in an instant. We have this bucket list, we have these things we want to do in life, and I thought about all the people I wanted to _____ to that I didn't, all the _____ I wanted to _____, all the _____ I wanted to _____ and I never did. As I thought about that later on, I came up with a _____, which is, "I collect bad _____." Because if the _____ is ready and the person is there, I'm _____ it. I no longer want to _____ anything in life. And that urgency, that _____, has really changed my life.

I was given the gift of a _____, of not dying that day. I was given another gift, which was to be able to see into the _____ and come back and live _____. I challenge you guys that are _____ today, imagine the same thing happens on your _____ -- and please don't -- but imagine, and how would you _____? What would you get done that you're _____ to get done because you think you'll be here _____? How would you change your _____ and the negative _____ in them? And more than anything, are you being the best _____ you can?

After Viewing

What are your answers to the questions Ric asks in his video?

If the same thing happened on your plane, how would you change?

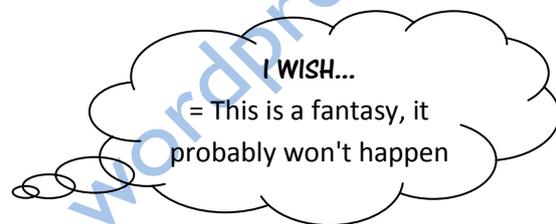
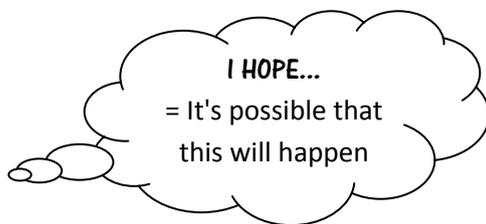
What would you get done that you're waiting to get done because you think you'll be here forever?

How would you change your relationships and the negative energy in them?

Are you being the best parent you can?

Grammar: Expressing Past Regrets and Future Wishes

What is the difference between a hope and a wish?



Hope

Because "I hope..." does not express a hypothetical situation, you can use it normally with the according tense, i.e. *I hope Jim passed his exam yesterday or I hope Manchester United play better today.*

Wish

Because "I wish..." is hypothetical, we need to "go back a tense".

Present wish	Past tense	"I wish I was better at football" (=now)
Past wish	Past perfect tense	"I wish I had gone to the football match" (=yesterday)

Conversation

Make a list of five "wishes" about the present; things you'd like to change about your life now, and five wishes about your past; things you'd like to change about your past.

Work in pairs. Read the other person's list and ask them questions about the things they have written. Make sure you use the grammar above!