

## Tracey Ullman's Show (BBC, UK), Last Words

### Introduction

- 1) Do you have a "bucket list" or any ambitions you hope to achieve?
- 2) What do people typically put on a bucket list?
- 3) Do you know anyone who has a less-than-traditional ambition? What is it?
- 4) What is a "regret"? Have you ever regretted not doing something?

### Video

You are going to watch a video about a woman's last words. Watch the video for the first time and choose the best summary from the three options below.

- a) The woman is really hungry and cannot concentrate on saying something profound because she is thinking about food.
- b) The woman doesn't realise she is dying and wants to go online to find a good restaurant.
- c) The woman is concerned that she didn't post enough photos of her lunch on social media during her life.

What food does the woman talk about? Watch a second time to fill in the gaps and put the dishes in the order they appear in the video:

Order

- \_\_\_\_\_ Salad
- A Piece of \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken and \_\_\_\_\_
- A Packet of \_\_\_\_\_ and an \_\_\_\_\_

### Grammar, Regrets

Look at the following extract from the video:

"I really wish I'd taken more pictures of my lunch and put them online."

When we talk about a past that we wanted to happen but it didn't, we can use the construction *I wish + subject + had + past participle*. Changing the past is impossible and the verb *wish* shows that what follows is just a fantasy. The use of the past perfect (...*had taken*...), shows that we are referring to the past and not the present.

A construction with the same rules and a similar meaning is *If only + subject + had + past participle*.

To make this form negative, use *hadn't*.

Look at some common regrets below. Do you associate any of the regrets with people in public life or celebrities? Spend a few minutes thinking about some examples and note them down. When you have finished, explain what you have written to a partner.

I wish I hadn't got married so soon.

If only I had had some kids.

I wish I hadn't worn that outfit!

I wish I hadn't wasted all that money on nothing!

If only I hadn't got so drunk.

If only I had chosen my words more carefully.

### Speaking, Regrets

You are going to play a game in which you must make up more celebrity regrets. The objective is to practice the two forms *I wish...* and *If only...*

Your teacher will hand you some cards with the names of famous people on them.

Against the clock, you must give clues to your celebrity **only by forming *I wish...* and *If only...* sentences** using information you know about their lives as inspiration.

You can give as many clues as you like.

See how many names your group can get through, you get a point for each name your team guesses correctly.

If you use incorrect grammar you must move on to the next name without getting a point.

You can pass on any cards that are too difficult but you must try to form at least one sentence for each card.

*Example*

Britney Spears

I wish I hadn't got married in Las Vegas.

I wish I hadn't shaved all my hair off.

If only I hadn't split up with Justin Timberlake.

## TEACHER'S CUT-UP SHEET: REGRETS GAME

Divide these cards and the class into two groups. Remove any cards that your students won't recognise and/or add some celebrities specific to your students' country. SUGGESTED TIME LIMIT 90 to 120 seconds.

**Alternative Game.** If the game detailed on the worksheet seems a little difficult for your class, print out the grid below and a set of cards and let the students give clues but instead of blindly guessing, the guesser can use the grid to find the correct answer making the game very much easier.

ADELE	HARRY STYLES	PRINCE
AMY WINEHOUSE	HILARY CLINTON	CHRIS BROWN
BEYONCE	RUSSELL BRAND	THERESA MAY
DAVID CAMERON	HENRY VIII	ALFRED NOBEL
DONALD TRUMP	50 CENT	JOHN F KENNEDY
ELVIS PRESLEY	MICHAEL JACKSON	OJ SIMPSON
JIMI HENDRIX	DIEGO MARADONA	ZINADINE ZIDANE
JOHN LENNON	PRINCESS DIANA	GEORGE BEST
JOHNNY DEPP	BARACK OBAMA	MEL GIBSON
JUSTIN BIEBER	MILEY CYRUS	KIM KARDASHIAN
KURT COBAIN	JAMES DEAN	TONY BLAIR
MARIE CURIE	ROBIN WILLIAMS	LEO MESSI
MARILYN MONROE	LINDSAY LOHAN	KATY PERRY
OSAMA BIN LADEN	LADY GAGA	BOB MARLEY
PRINCE CHARLES	MUHAMMAD ALI	NEIL ARMSTRONG
RIHANNA	CHARLIE SHEEN	KANYE WEST
STEVE IRWIN	VINCENT VAN GOGH	JANET JACKSON
TIGER WOODS	SCARY SPICE	LANCE ARMSTRONG