Complete with wish / If only

To express a wish or a regret use the structures below:

- wish/ if only + past => something you want now
- wish/ if only + past perfect => expressing a regret
- wish/ if only + would => complaining

1. Alice didn't get a good grade. She wishes she ___________ (work) harder.
2. Tom likes football very much. He wishes he _____________ (become) a professional football player.
3. He was running very fast when he had a heart attack. If only he ____________ (not/run) so fast.
4. She's keen on computers. She wishes she _____________ (study) computer science next school year.
5. I am sorry I don't know how to use the computer. If only I _____________(know) how to use it.
6. I stayed late at work and missed the last bus. I wish I _____________(stay) at work late.
7. I don't speak Chinese and I regret that. I wish I _____________ (speak)
8. Tom doesn't have a job. If only he ________________ (apply) for a job.
9. The children are shouting. I wish the kids _______________ (stop) making noise.
10. My car broke down on Sunday and I missed the party. I wish my car ____________ (not/break down)
11. I wish the rain ____________ (stop) so I could go out.
12. I don't have anything to offer you. If only I ____________ (have) some cake to offer you.
Answer Key:

1. had worked
2. became
3. hadn't run
4. studied
5. knew
6. hadn't stay
7. spoke
8. had applied
9. would stop
10. hadn't broken
11. would stop
12. had