

I wish/ If only Make it stronger game

Choose one of the situations below and take turns expressing regret about those things (without contradicting each other) until you run out of ideas, then switch to another. The last person to come up with an idea each time is the winner of that round.

- A holiday you are on together
- A holiday you took together
- The company you both/all work for
- Your (shared) childhoods
- The weather
- This city
- Politics in your country
- The school or university you both went to

What language can you use to make those complaints or regrets stronger?

Compare with the list under the fold below.

Suggested language for making complaints and regrets stronger

If only you (wouldn't)...

I do/ really/ really really wish you (wouldn't) ...

All the time/ Non-stop

It drives me nuts/ spare/ crazy

It ruins/ ruined...

It's a waste of time/ money/ energy/...

It's annoying/ infuriating/ pointless

There's (absolutely) no reason/ excuse/ justification for it.

Pack it in

If it doesn't stop I'll...

Choose one of the situations below and exchange complaints about each others' present or past behaviour and attitudes. When you have both run out of ideas, choose the complaint that was strongest.

- You both snore and sleep in the same room
- You set up a business together that went bankrupt
- You are trying to cook something together
- You are decorating the house together
- You are next to each other on an overnight plane
- The team you were both in last season came bottom of the league you played in
- You took a speaking exam (e.g. FCE, CAE or CPE) together and failed it