Wish or Result?

Sort imagined situations and possible results.

L.8.1.c "Demonstrate appropriate use of verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional and subjunctive mood, while recognizing and correcting inappropriate shifts."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

Use **were** after words such as wish or as if to describe an imagined situation that is not true.

I wish the ocean **were** closer.

CONDITIONAL MOOD

Use **would** to describe what could happen under a condition.

With a better lens, the camera **would** capture the comet.

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, circle UNREAL or RESULT for each sentence; for Part 2, choose two numbered items and explain how you knew where each belonged.

1. I wish the train **were** on time. UNREAL RESULT

2. With a clear sky, the parade **would** start earlier. UNREAL RESULT

3. Without a helmet, I **would** feel unsafe. UNREAL RESULT

4. Leo acts as if he **were** the mayor. UNREAL RESULT

5. If only the backpack **were** lighter! UNREAL RESULT

6. With another hour, Nora **would** finish her sketch. UNREAL RESULT

7. Our coach wishes the gym **were** warmer. UNREAL RESULT

8. The actor spoke as if the crowd **were** silent. UNREAL RESULT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

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3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence using subjunctive were to imagine something unreal and one new sentence using conditional would to show a result under a condition.

UNREAL _____

RESULT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that begins with an if-clause using subjunctive were and ends with a result clause using conditional would.

ANSWER KEY

Wish or Result?

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	I wish the train **were** on time.	**UNREAL**	Were expresses a situation the speaker wishes were true.
2	With a clear sky, the parade **would** start earlier.	**RESULT**	Would gives the possible result of having a clear sky.
3	Without a helmet, I **would** feel unsafe.	**RESULT**	Would gives the possible result of not wearing a helmet.
4	Leo acts as if he **were** the mayor.	**UNREAL**	Were describes Leo's imagined role, not his actual role.
5	If only the backpack **were** lighter!	**UNREAL**	Were expresses a wished-for change.
6	With another hour, Nora **would** finish her sketch.	**RESULT**	Would gives the possible result of having more time.
7	Our coach wishes the gym **were** warmer.	**UNREAL**	Were expresses a situation the coach wishes were true.
8	The actor spoke as if the crowd **were** silent.	**UNREAL**	Were describes an imagined situation.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **UNREAL**: I wish the hallway were less crowded.
- **RESULT**: With fresh batteries, the flashlight would shine brighter.

Challenge: If the ladder were taller, Priya would reach the roof.

Items 1, 4, 5, 7, and 8 are UNREAL. Items 2, 3, and 6 are RESULT. For Part 2, accept explanations that connect were to an imagined situation or would to a result under a condition.