

Expressing Wishes and Regrets

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- Peter didn't remember to send me a Valentine! _____

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Answer key:

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- a) had worked
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- c) would do
- d) hadn't gone
- e) was shining
- f) understood
- g) hadn't been
- h) would stop

2.

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