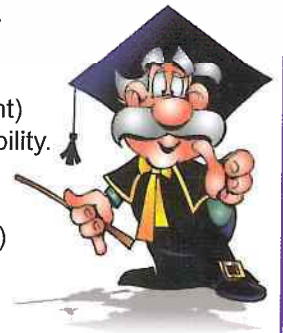


- **I wish (if only) + Past Simple** (wish about the present)  
We express a wish about a present situation which we want to be different.  
*I wish he **were/was** with us now. (He is not with us)*
- **I wish (if only) + subject + could + bare infinitive** (wish about the present)  
We use this pattern for a wish or regret in the present concerning lack of ability.  
*I wish he **could** learn faster.*
- **I wish (if only) + subject + would + bare infinitive** (wish about the future)  
(we never say: I wish I would)  
We express a wish for a change in the future.  
*I wish they **would build** a new library.*
- **I wish (if only) + Past Perfect** (regret about the past)  
We express a regret or a wish that something happened or didn't happen in the past.  
*I wish he **hadn't failed** his test. (but he failed)*
- **If only** means the same as 'I wish' but it is more emphatic.  
*I **wish** he could help me. **If only** he could help me.* (stronger, more emphatic)
- After 'I wish' we may use 'were' instead of 'was' in all persons.  
*I wish I **was/were** rich.*



### 1. Write what they wishes.

**A** Ann doesn't like her new house. Write what she wishes.



The house is so old and dirty. She has to paint it. The house doesn't have central heating. The kitchen is small.

- 1 *I wish the house wasn't/weren't so old... and dirty.*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

**B** Pedro wants things to be different in the future. Write what he wishes.



I want my father to give me more pocket money. I want my sister to stop using my computer. I don't want my mother to make me eat vegetables. I don't want my brother to take my skateboard.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

**C** Ted regrets what he did or didn't do. Write what he wishes.



Ted was naughty in class. He didn't hear the teacher's question. She got angry with him. The teacher wrote a note to his parents

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....

**D** Read what Matt is saying and write what he wishes.



I don't have any money. I've lost my job. I can't find another job. I don't have any friends. I feel lonely.

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....

2. Write what Mariah wishes.



1 I lost my ticket.

2 I can't go to the concert.

3 I want to see my favourite band.

4 I can't get an autograph.

5 I have to wait for their next concert.

6 I feel sad.

- 1 *I wish I hadn't lost my ticket.*
- 2 .....
- 3 .....
- 4 .....
- 5 .....
- 6 .....

3. Fill in the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish I *hadn't forgotten* (not/forget) her birthday.
- 2 If only I ..... (have) the money to buy a new car.
- 3 Steve wishes he ..... (speak) so rudely to his boss because he fired him.
- 4 If only she ..... (tell) him the truth. He wouldn't be so angry with her.
- 5 Tom wishes he ..... (not/have) so much homework to do.
- 6 I wish I ..... (not/break) my sister's doll. She wouldn't be sad now.
- 7 I wish she ..... (stop) interrupting me all the time.
- 8 Mrs Jones wishes she ..... (speak) a foreign language .
- 9 If only I ..... (be) taller. I would join the basketball team.
- 10 He wishes he ..... (not/crash) his father's car. Now his father is upset.
- 11 I wish Mum ..... (let) me go to the party next week.

4. Read the people's comments and write what they wish.


- 1 **Mike:** I have to tidy my room.  
*I wish I didn't have to tidy my room.*
- 2 **Ceren:** I missed the plane to Ankara.  
.....
- 3 **Tony:** I want my dad to buy me a computer.  
.....
- 4 **Laura:** I can't drive a car.  
.....
- 5 **Bill:** My room is so small.  
.....

5. Complete people's wishes.



1 I wish I *didn't have so much homework.*

He has a lot of homework.




2 I wish I .....

.....

.....

He can't afford a new computer.




3 I wish I .....

.....

.....

He didn't drive carefully.




4 I wish I .....

.....

.....

Billy is short. He wants to be taller.




5 I wish I .....

.....

.....

He can't drink a cup of coffee.




6 I wish I .....

.....

.....


He can't go home yet.

**6. Complete the people's wishes.**




He didn't see the carpet.  
He tripped over it.

*I wish I had seen the carpet./hadn't tripped over it.*




She bought new shoes.  
They hurt her feet.

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She wants to be good at football.

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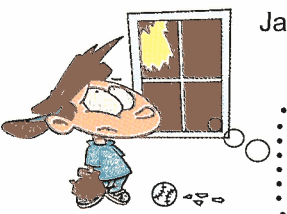
Mary doesn't want to see the dentist but she has to.

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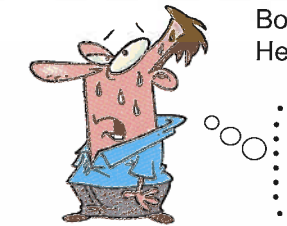
Mike's boss always gives him so much work.

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Jack broke the window.

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Bob can't go out to work.  
He has a temperature.

.....

**7. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

- 1 **A:** We're so late! I wish we *had taken*. (take) the metro.  
**B:** Next time, we'll know better.
- 2 **A:** If only I ..... (not/be) so rude to Bill.  
**B:** Why don't you apologise? I'm sure he'll forgive you.
- 3 **A:** Are you going to Kim's party on Saturday?  
**B:** No. I wish I ..... (go). I'm sure it'll be fun.
- 4 **A:** I wish Helen ..... (tell) us what's bothering her.  
**B:** Yes. She seems really upset, doesn't she?
- 5 **A:** If only Jack ..... (call) me. I'm so worried.  
**B:** I'm sure he will as soon as he arrives in Los Angeles.
- 6 **A:** I wish I ..... (know) how to use this camera.  
**B:** Don't worry. I'll show you.
- 7 **A:** I wish I ..... (not/forget) to pay the bills.  
**B:** Never mind. You can do it tomorrow.
- 8 **A:** I wish Tony ..... (come) to the concert with us.  
**B:** So do I. He would have really enjoyed it.

**8. Write what these people wish they had/hadn't done as in the example:**

- 1 John drove his car so fast that he had an accident.  
**John:** "*I wish I hadn't driven my car so fast. I wouldn't have had an accident.*"
- 2 Julia was late and she missed the beginning of the film.  
**Julia:** "....."
- 3 Jack ate too much and he got sick.  
**Jack:** "....."
- 4 Sally was in a hurry and she forgot her purse at home.  
**Sally:** "....."
- 5 Hans didn't save any money so he didn't go on holiday last summer.  
**John:** "....."