



WISH CLAUSES



GRAMMAR SECTION

PRESENT

... wish(es) + subject + past simple

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Examples:

- I wish I were rich as a princess.
- She wishes she had a bigger house.
- Thomas wishes he weren't a policeman.
- They wish they could go to Paris.

PAST

... wish(es) + subject + past perfect

We form wish clause using past perfect to express our regrets about the past situations.



Examples:

- I wish I hadn't treated John like that.
- Fanny wishes she had studied Physics at university.
- He wishes he had bought a bigger car.

FUTURE

... wish(es) + subject + would

We form wish clauses using would to express our wishes for the future.



Examples:

- I wish my son would go to a good highschool.
- My mother wishes I would become an engineer when I grow up.
- He wishes his girlfriend would accept his marriage proposal.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

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2. Peter wishes he _____ (not buy) that car. It breaks down so often and causes him trouble.
3. Asley's mother wishes she _____ (do) well in the final exams next week.
4. Larry wishes he _____ (be) on a spa holiday relaxing rather than working in the office now.
5. Mary feels homesick. She wishes she _____ (be) in her home with her parents now.
6. I wish you _____ (bring) me a glass of water. I am very thirsty.
7. Karen wishes her father _____ (not go) to Russia on business. She misses him.
8. It was a very hot and sunny day. I wish I _____ (take) my sunglasses and sunlotion with me.
9. You look overweight. I wish you _____ (attend) a gym this summer.
10. My father wishes he _____ (not forget) to take the camera with him. The view was wonderful.
11. Joseph wishes he _____ (not cheat) in the exam. The teacher was very angry with him.
12. I wish I _____ (not speak) so loudly. My baby brother woke up.
13. Michael wishes his father _____ (give) him £100 for the school trip next month.
14. Mr. Parker wishes there _____ (not be) mosquitoes around. They bite him badly.
15. I wish people _____ (not cut) the trees any more.
16. My mother wishes I _____ (take) her to the hospital for her operation this weekend.
17. Timothy wishes she _____ (not eat) too many strawberries. She has got a terrible stomachache.
18. Pam wishes she _____ (have) an mp3 player. She could listen to music now.
19. I wish I _____ (know) more about cooking. I have to prepare something special for my guests.
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c) had gone d) going

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