

# 149 Exercises

## Wish ... would (B)

What might you say in these situations? Begin *I wish ...*

- ? to someone who never answers your e-mails  
*I wish you'd answer my e-mails.*
- ? to someone who makes rude remarks about you  
*/ wish you wouldn't make rude remarks about me.*
- 1 to someone who won't hurry up
- 2 to someone who never does the washing-up
- 3 to someone who isn't telling you the whole story
- 4 to someone who blows cigarette smoke in your face
- 5 to someone who won't tell you what he's thinking

## 2 Wish ... the past (C)

Vicky is fed up. What is she saying? Use */ wish* or ~~*if only*~~.

- (She can't think straight.) *I wish I could think straight.*
- 1 (She is so tired.) .....
- 2 (She gets headaches.) .....
- 3 (Her work isn't going well.) .....
- 4 (She can't concentrate.) .....
- 5 (Life is so complicated.) .....

## 3 Wish ... the past perfect (D)

Complete the sentences. Use these words: *accepted, caught, found, played, saved, stayed*

- I spent all my money. I wish now that */ had saved it.*
- 1 I missed the train. I really wish .....
- 2 Rita left the party early. Nick wishes .....
- 3 Emma refused the offer. But her parents wish .....
- 4 I looked everywhere for the key. I wish .....
- 5 The injured player could only watch. He wishes .....

## 4 Wish ~~and if only~~ (B-D)

Complete the conversation.

Claire: Oh, Henry. You're giving me another present. It's very sweet of you,  
but I wish (►) you ~~wouldn't give me~~ so many presents. Henry:

Claire, I've been thinking. I shouldn't have asked you to marry me.

I wish now that (1) .....

Claire: Now you're talking nonsense. I wish (2) ....., Henry.

Henry: I'm not a young man, am I? Of course I wish (3) .....

Claire: Why don't you listen? ~~If only~~ (4) .....to me just this once.

Henry: Why couldn't we have met twenty years ago? I wish (5) .....you then.

Claire: Henry, twenty years ago I was just starting school.