

PAST TENSES WITH HYPOTHETICAL MEANING

With the following expressions we use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about how we would like **THE PRESENT** situation to be different.

- I'd prefer it if you **didn't ask** me silly quiz questions.
 - I wish I **could** have another hour in bed.
 - If only my mind **wasn't** in the project, I would be able to sleep.
 - It's time I **bought** a new alarm clock, mine is broken and I am always arriving late.
 - It's high time she **left** her toxic boyfriend.
 - It's about time we **started** saving for a house.
 - What if we **didn't pass** the exam?
 - Supposing it **rained** today, **would** we go to the park?
 - Suppose you got **injured**, what **would** you do with the championship?
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- She treats me **as if** she **didn't love** me.
 - They use this place **as though** it **was** a playground.

Use present simple or present perfect when the situation might be true.

- You look as **though** you **haven't slept** well for days.
- She's acting as **if she is** the best one in the theatre.

With, I'd rather, I'd prefer, we use infinitive when the subject of the second verb is the same or when there is no subject.

- **I'd prefer** to go home right now.
- **It's time** to go home right now.
- **I'd rather** go home right now.
- **I'd sooner** go home right now.