

Wish

We use **wish** + past simple to talk about situations that we would like to be different.

| Fact | Wish |
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| <i>We don't live by the sea.</i> | <i>I wish we lived by the sea.</i> |
| <i>It rains all the time in this country.</i> | <i>Mum wishes it didn't rain all the time in this country.</i> |

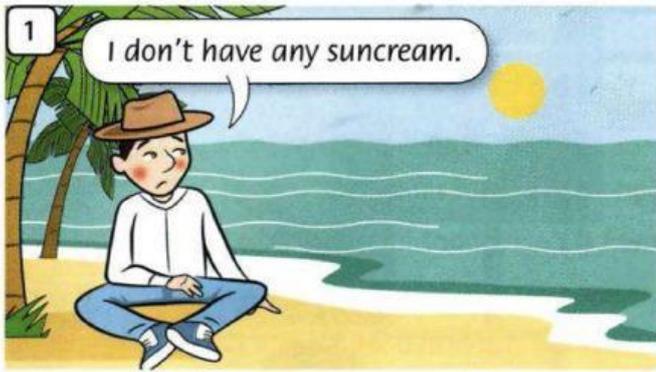
We can also use **wish** + **could** + base form.

| Fact | Wish |
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| <i>I can't play the guitar.</i> | <i>I wish I could play the guitar.</i> |

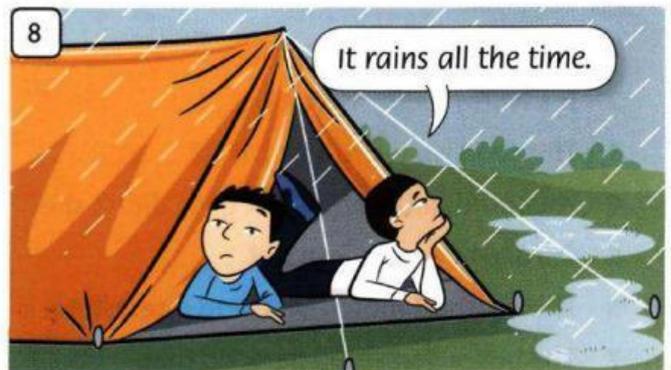
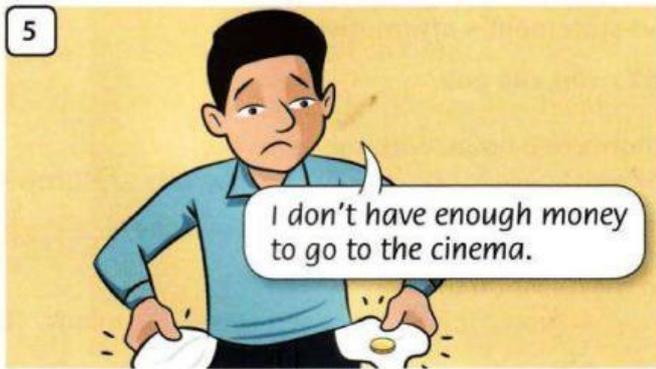
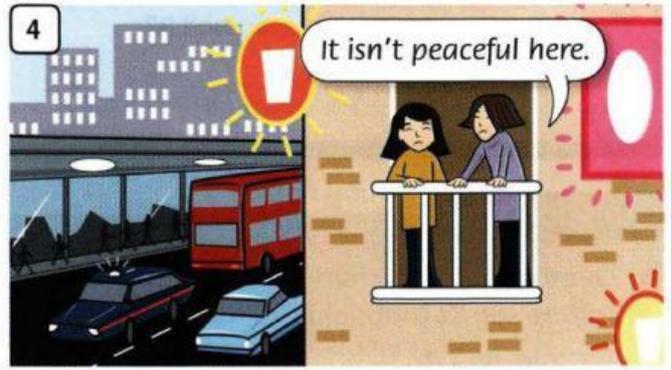
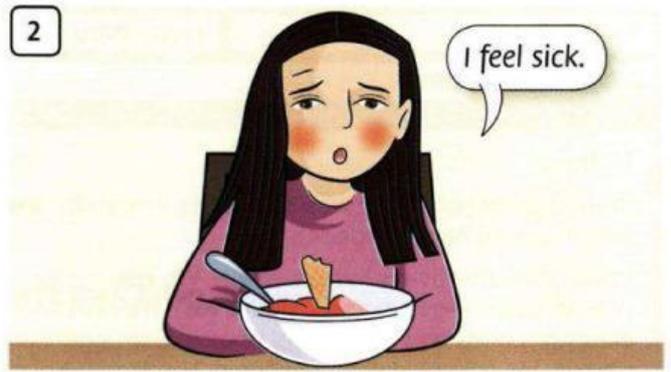
1 Complete the sentences. Use the past simple and the verbs in brackets.

- Gemma wishes her family had (have) a boat.
- A lot of people wish life _____ (be) less busy.
- I wish we _____ (know) how to play this game.
- I wish our cousins _____ (live) closer.
- I wish people _____ (not throw) litter everywhere.
- Billy wishes he _____ (can) paint like Poppy.
- I wish this jewellery _____ (not be) so expensive.
- We wish our team _____ (not lose) every match.

2 Look at the pictures. Write sentences with **I wish**.



I wish I had some suncream.



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To: Theo From: Billy

Subject: My holiday

Hi Theo,

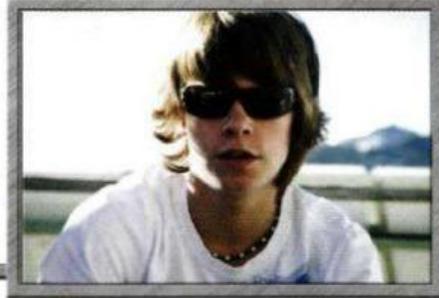
What a great holiday! It was a fantastic campsite, **wasn't it?** And it was so near the beach.

I don't think I've ever swum so much. We spent a lot of time swimming in the sea, **didn't we?** We also saw lots of exciting places and took lots of photos. Sam's got some amazing photos. He said he'd send me some. He doesn't have your email address, **does he?** I'll give it to him, if you want.

I have to go now as I have to study for a test at school. It's a shame holidays don't last forever, **isn't it?**

Write to me soon!

Billy



Question tags



Question tags are short questions that we use at the end of a statement. We use question tags to say 'Is that right?' or 'Do you agree?'

*It's cold, **isn't it?***

We form sentences with question tags like this:

affirmative statement + negative tag

negative statement + affirmative tag

*You can swim, **can't you?***

*You can't swim, **can you?***

We always use a pronoun in the question tag, not a name or a noun. With the verbs **be**, **can**, and **will** we repeat the verb.

*She's very tall, **isn't she?** You **can't** swim, **can you?** Mum **will** go shopping today, **won't she?***

With most other verbs, we use **do**, **don't**, **did**, **didn't** in the question tag.

*You live near here, **don't you?***

3 Read the questions. Do they ask 'Is that right?' (R) or 'Do you agree' (A)? Write R or A.

- You're French, aren't you? R
- It's warm today, isn't it? _____
- This food isn't very spicy, is it? _____
- Your aunt had a baby last year, didn't she? _____
- Oscar can't swim, can he? _____
- This football match isn't very interesting, is it? _____
- The buses don't stop here, do they? _____
- The film was made in Hungary, wasn't it? _____

4 Circle the correct answers.

- 1 It's very hot today, isn't it / is it?
- 2 You did your homework, **didn't you** / did you?
- 3 Jamie's / **isn't** a very clever boy, isn't he?
- 4 Your dad works very hard, **does he** / doesn't he?
- 5 It's Judy's first day at school today, **isn't it** / was it?
- 6 Grandma and Grandpa always give you presents, **aren't they** / don't they?
- 7 We **had** / didn't have a good holiday, did we?
- 8 The football match **was** / wasn't very exciting, wasn't it?
- 9 Molly can paint beautiful pictures, **can't** / could she?
- 10 We **won't** / 'll have time to go shopping, will we?

5 Match 1–8 with a–h.

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|---|----------------|
| 1 <u>f</u> There aren't many people here, | a didn't you? |
| 2 _____ That's a new printer, | b didn't they? |
| 3 _____ Heidi bought a new pair of trainers | c did you? |
| 4 _____ Jamie doesn't live in Cairo, | d aren't they? |
| 5 _____ You didn't bring a coat, | e isn't it? |
| 6 _____ Polly and Sidney are lovely, | f are there? |
| 7 _____ Everyone arrived on time, | g does he? |
| 8 _____ You had fun at the party, | h didn't she? |

6 Complete the sentences. Use the words from the box to make question tags.

did aren't didn't doesn't am wasn't do wasn't

- 1 You're new here, aren't you?
- 2 The road was very smooth, _____ it?
- 3 Rob likes Indian food, _____ he?
- 4 Katie didn't call, _____ she?
- 5 Toby was given a new computer, _____ he?
- 6 Grandma and Grandpa don't go on holiday every year, _____ they?
- 7 You booked the cinema tickets, _____ you?
- 8 I'm not late, _____ I?

7 Complete the conversation. Use question tags.

Jamie We don't have any plans for today, ¹ do we _____? Shall we go to the park?

Max Yes, let's do that. Our friends will want to come, ² _____?

Jamie Yes. Charlie and Fred are at home with their mum and dad, ³ _____?

Max But Charlie's exam is tomorrow, ⁴ _____? He's probably studying.

Jamie Fred doesn't like staying at home on sunny days, ⁵ _____? It's a nice day today, ⁶ _____? So let's ask him.

Max Yes, we'll ask Fred. Your cousin Mandy's here at the moment, ⁷ _____?

Jamie Yes, she's here until next week. We'll ask her too. It'll be a great day, ⁸ _____?

8 Write sentences. Use question tags.

1 It / be / sunny / today

It's sunny today, isn't it?

2 You / not see / a shooting star / last night

3 Andy / not be / very tall

4 We / can / pick / these flowers

5 Billy / lose / his new camera / yesterday

6 Amy / not call / earlier

7 They / not be / late for school / yesterday

8 Helen / like eating / fish

9 I / can / use / the computer / after you

10 The CD player / not work

9 Complete the sentences. Use question tags.

