

9. \_\_\_\_\_ fewer species \_\_\_\_\_ (go) extinct if people  
\_\_\_\_\_ (take) better care of the environment?
10. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) better for the environment if scientists \_\_\_\_\_  
(spend) their energy on living species, not extinct species.

### 13.4 Wish + Simple Past/Would

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| 1. Use the simple past or past progressive after <i>wish</i> to talk about present or future situations that you would like to be different.                                                                                                                                                          | We wish we <b>lived</b> in a nicer place.<br>I wish I <b>didn't have to work</b> tomorrow.<br>I wish I <b>were sitting</b> on a beach right now. |
| 2. Use <i>were</i> for all subjects after <i>wish</i> . <i>Was</i> is often used in informal conversation.                                                                                                                                                                                            | I <b>wish it were</b> warmer. Then, I could go swimming.<br>I can't pay my bills. I <b>wish I were</b> rich.                                     |
| 3. <i>Could</i> (not <i>can</i> ) can be used after <i>wish</i> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | I wish I <b>could go</b> to the party next week.                                                                                                 |
| 4. Use <i>would</i> + the base form of the verb when you are dissatisfied or unhappy with something or someone.                                                                                                                                                                                       | I <b>wish it would stop</b> raining.<br>I <b>wish you wouldn't leave</b> your dishes in the sink.                                                |
| 5. <b>Be careful!</b> Do not confuse <i>wish</i> with <i>hope</i> . <i>Wish</i> expresses a regret for something that will not happen. <i>Hope</i> expresses a desire for something that might happen. The simple past is used with <i>wish</i> , while the simple present is used with <i>hope</i> . | I <b>wish I did</b> better on tests, but I never do.<br>I <b>hope I do</b> better on this test. I've studied a lot.                              |

#### 5 Complete the exercises.

##### A Circle the correct word(s) to complete each statement.

- I wish I **am** / **were** a scientist.
- I hope I **am helping** / **were helping** the environment.
- I wish I **do** / **did** more interesting work every day.
- I hope I **can find** / **could find** a better job.
- I wish I **can work** / **could work** on a team.
- I wish I **am sitting** / **were sitting** outside right now.
- I wish I **live** / **lived** someplace else.
- I wish my parents **called** / **calls** me more often.
- I wish I **have** / **had** a fancy car.
- I wish our teacher **wouldn't gave** / **give** us a lot of tests.

##### B SPEAK. Work with a partner. Say which of the statements in exercise A are true for you. Change the other statements to make them true for you.

*Number 1 isn't true for me. I wish I were a musician, not a scientist.*

**5** Complete the sentences about a walk in Kenya. Use the correct form of the verbs in parentheses and *would*.

1. If people hadn't chosen (not choose) to participate in the walk, the Makindu Children's Program wouldn't have raised (not raise) so much money.
2. The trek through Kenya's Rift Valley \_\_\_\_\_ (be) easier if it \_\_\_\_\_ (not rain) so much.
3. The participants \_\_\_\_\_ (not be able) to walk for 10 days if they \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) in good shape.
4. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (not have) so much energy, the trekkers \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a lot of difficulty covering all 150 miles.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (get) sick if they \_\_\_\_\_ (not drink) a lot of water every day.
6. If they \_\_\_\_\_ (not use) camels to carry supplies, the trip \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) a success.

### 13.6 Wish + Past Perfect

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| 1. Use the past perfect after <i>wish</i> to express regrets about events or situations that happened (or did not happen) in the past.                         | I wish I <b>had studied</b> harder for last week's test. I'm sorry now.<br>I wish I <b>hadn't eaten</b> so much cake. Now I feel sick.                                        |
| 2. <b>Be careful!</b> Even though you are referring to a past time, do not use the simple past after <i>wish</i> to express regrets.                           | ✓ I wish I <b>had gone</b> home yesterday.<br>✗ I wish I <u>went</u> home yesterday.                                                                                          |
| 3. In short answers, do not include the past participle of the verb after <i>had</i> .<br><br>The past participle can also be omitted in follow-up statements. | A: Do you wish you <b>had grown up</b> in California?<br>B: Yes, I wish I <b>had</b> .<br><br>A: Did you grow up in California?<br>B: No, I didn't, but I wish I <b>had</b> . |

### 6 WRITE & SPEAK.

**A** Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I wish I had walked (walk) to class today.
2. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (do) something different last weekend.
3. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to bed earlier last night.
4. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (bring) a cup of coffee to class.
5. I wish our teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (not give) us any homework last night.
6. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) more time on the last homework assignment.

7. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (not move) to this city.
8. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ (wear) a different pair of shoes today.

**B SPEAK.** Work with a partner. Change the statements in exercise **A** to questions, and take turns asking and answering them. Add follow-up statements to your answers.

A: *Do you wish you had walked to class today?*

B: *Yes, I wish I had. I could have gotten my exercise!*

## PRACTICE

### 7 READ & WRITE.

**A** Read the story from the movie *All Is Lost*.

A man is on a sailboat in the Indian Ocean. When he wakes up one morning, he sees water in the bottom of the boat. He realizes that his boat has hit a large container that fell off a ship, and the crash has resulted in a hole in his boat. The man is very skillful, so he is able to repair the hole. Soon after, there is a bad storm, and his boat gets badly damaged. Before it sinks, the man takes some supplies and gets into a life raft. When two ships pass near his raft, he tries to signal them. Neither of the ships notices him. He is running out of food and water, so he is very worried. On the eighth night he sees a light in the distance and thinks it might be another boat. He lights a fire in the life raft, but the fire gets out of control, and the raft catches fire. The man falls off the raft into the ocean.

**B** Rewrite each sentence about the movie as a past unreal conditional. Add commas where necessary. Sometimes there is more than one correct way to rewrite the sentence.

1. There was water in his boat because it hit a large container.

If his boat hadn't hit the large container, water wouldn't have gotten into  
the boat. OR Water wouldn't have been in his boat if it had not hit the  
large container.

2. The man was able to fix the hole because he was skillful.

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3. He survived because he got into the life raft.

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4. The people on the other ships didn't see him, so they didn't rescue him.

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