

3.5 I WISH PEOPLE SHOWED MORE INTEREST

LESSON OBJECTIVES

- Express wishes and preferences
- Use *I wish ...* and *I'd rather ...*
- Learn phrases for expressing agreement

SPEAKING

- 1 Imagine you were the head teacher of your school for one day. What would you like to be different? Tell your partner.
I would change the time of the first lesson to 11 a.m.

- 2 **Video** Watch the first part of the video. Why is Alfie annoyed at the end? Do you feel sorry for him? Why / Why not?

SKILL UP! We can use short, simple phrases to show that we understand what someone is saying.

- 3 **Video** Read the *Skill UP!* and the *Key phrases*. Then watch the first part of the video again. Which phrases mean, 'I agree with what you're saying' and which mean, 'I agree to your suggestion or request'?

KEY PHRASES

Expressing agreement

I know what you mean.	I think you're right.
Sure, no problem.	Yes, me too.
Yes, of course.	I guess that's OK.

- 4 Read the wishes and preferences from the first part of the video. Can you remember who says each one: Alfie, Connor or Olivia?

- I wish I knew what to buy.
- I wish I could have a gap year.
- I wish people showed more interest in the environment.
- I'd rather you stayed by the stall.
- I'd rather you didn't leave right now.
- I'd rather not be late for Bianca.

PRONUNCIATION

Sentence stress
We do not give equal emphasis to every word in a sentence. The most important words are stressed, but pronouns, articles, prepositions and auxiliary verbs are not usually stressed.

- 5 **Video** Read the Pronunciation. Then watch Alfie, Connor and Olivia say the sentences in exercise 4. What type of words are stressed? Then listen and repeat.
- 6 Look at the verb forms after *I wish ...* and *I'd rather ...* in exercise 4. What tense are most of the verbs in: past, present or future? Which is the exception?

- 7 Complete the wishes and preferences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

avoid be eat go not have

- I'd rather they _____ scuba diving without me.
- I wish more people _____ air travel.
- I'd rather _____ before going out.
- I wish I _____ to do exams this year.
- I wish we _____ in the same class at school.



- 8 Look at the photo. Why do you think Alfie is running? How do you think he is feeling?

- 9 **Video** Watch the second part of the video. Answer the questions.

- Why does Olivia say thank you to Alfie?
- Why did Connor take such a long time?
- What does Connor offer Olivia?
- Who is Alfie going to meet in the café?

- 10 Take turns to express wishes and preferences. Use the prompts and add one more wish and preference that are true for you. Respond with a *Key phrase*.

Student A

WISHES

have / an electric bike

recycling / to be compulsory

PREFERENCES

live / in another country

the school day / to be shorter

Student B

WISHES

people / not to drop litter

governments / reduce greenhouse gases

PREFERENCES

live with my friends

exams / not to exist