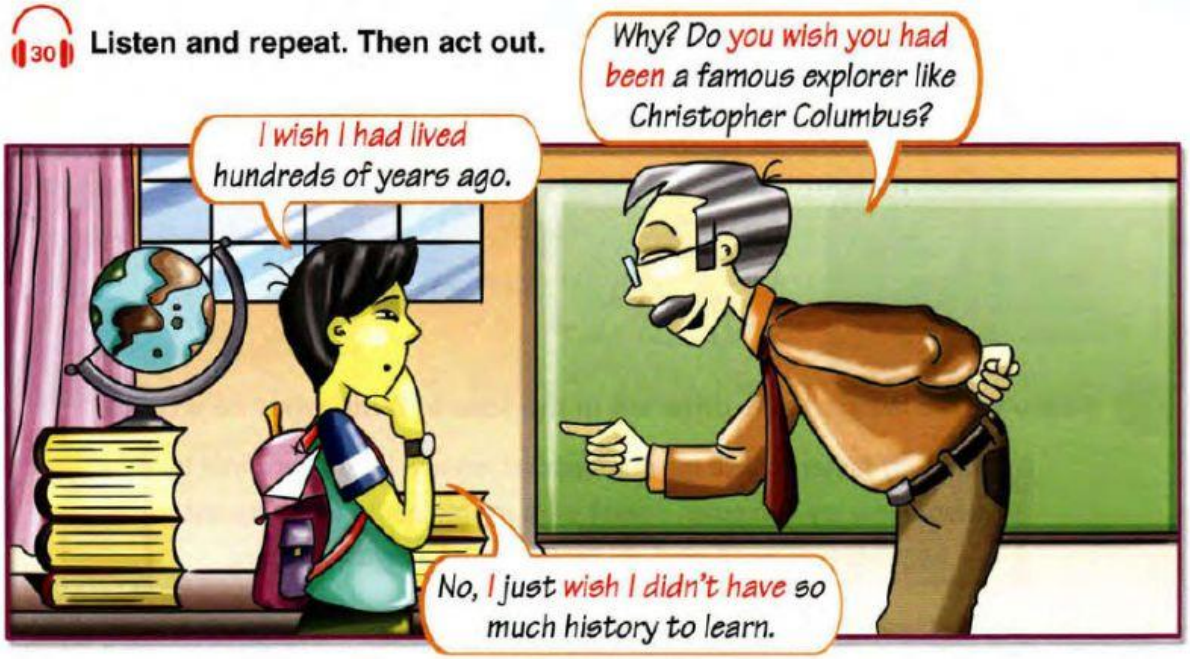
Wishes

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30 **Listen and repeat. Then act out.**



- **I wish (if only) + Past Simple (wish about the present)**
  We express a wish about a present situation which we want to be different.
  I wish he **were/was** with us now.
- **I wish (if only) + subject + could + bare infinitive (wish about the present)**
  We use this pattern for a wish or regret in the present concerning lack of ability.
  I wish he **could** learn faster.
- **I wish (if only) + subject + would + bare infinitive (wish about the future)**
  (we never say: ~~I wish I would~~)
  We express a wish for a change in the future.
  I wish they **would build a new** library.
- **I wish (if only) + Past Perfect (regret about the past)**
  We express a regret or a wish that something happened or didn't happen in the past.
  I wish he **hadn't failed** his test.
- **If only means the same as 'I wish' but it is more emphatic.**
  I wish he could help me. **If only** he could help me. (stronger, more emphatic)
- **After 'I wish' we may use 'were' instead of 'was' in all persons.**
  I wish I **was/were** rich.

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1 **Ann doesn't like her new house. Write what she wishes.**

> The house is so old and dirty. She has to paint it. The house doesn't have central heating. The kitchen is small.

1 I wish the house wasn't/weren't so old and dirty.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....

2 **Pedro wants things to be different in the future. Write what he wishes.**

> I want my father to give me more pocket money. I want my sister to stop using my computer. I don't want my mother to make me eat vegetables. I don't want my brother to take my skateboard.

1 I wish my father would give me more pocket money.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....

3 **Ted regrets what he did or didn't do. Write what he wishes.**

> Ted was naughty in class. He didn't hear the teacher's question. She got angry with him. The teacher wrote a note to his parents.

1 I wish I hadn't been naughty in class.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....

4 **a) Read the wishes. Which refers to the: present? future? past?**

1 If only I was famous. ....present....
2 I wish I hadn't lost the game. .....
3 I wish I could come with you. .....
4 I wish it would stop raining. .....

b) Write similar sentences about yourself.

.....
.....
.....
.....

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5 **Write what each person wishes. Then fill in: *wish about the present, regret about the past, wish about the future.***

1 He broke his leg.



I wish I hadn't broken my leg. (regret about the past)

2 Laura plays her music very loud.



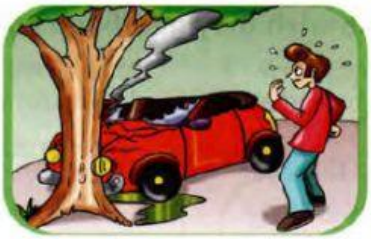
3 It's raining.



4 He didn't go to football practice yesterday.



5 He crashed his dad's car last night.



6 She can't type fast. She won't get the job.



7 He talks too much and she doesn't like it.



8 His car is very old but he can't buy a new one.



9 He stayed out late last night.



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6 **Tanya is a famous young singer. These are some of the things she doesn't like about being famous. Read what she says and write sentences as in the example:**

- **People always ask me to sing at parties.**
- **I have to look my best all the time.**
- **Sometimes magazines write false things about me.**
- **I don't have much time to see my friends.**
- **I can't go out by myself.**
- **Photographers follow me everywhere.**



1 I wish people wouldn't always ask me to sing at parties.
2 .....
3 .....
4 .....
5 .....
6 .....

7 **Write what these people wish they *had/hadn't done* as in the example:**

1 John drove his car so fast that he had an accident.

John: I wish I hadn't driven my car so fast. I wouldn't have had an accident.

2 Nastasia was late and she missed the beginning of the film.

Nastasia: .....

3 Jack ate too much and he got sick.

Jack: .....

4 Mitsuko was in a hurry and she forgot her purse at home.

Mitsuko: .....

5 Susan didn't take off her ring before she went swimming and she lost it in the sea.

Susan: .....

6 Hans and Jane didn't save any money so they didn't go on holiday last summer.

Hans & Jane: .....

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8 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1 A: We're so late! I wish we *had taken* (take) the metro.
B: Next time, we'll know better.

2 A: If only I ..... (not/be) so rude to Bill.
B: Why don't you apologise? I'm sure he'll forgive you.

3 A: Are you going to Kim's party on Saturday?
B: No. I wish I ..... (go). I'm sure it'll be fun.

4 A: I wish Helen ..... (tell) us what's bothering her.
B: Yes. She seems really upset, doesn't she?

5 A: If only Jack ..... (call) me. I'm so worried.
B: I'm sure he will as soon as he arrives in Los Angeles.

6 A: I wish I ..... (know) how to use this camera.
B: Don't worry. I'll show you.

7 A: I wish I ..... (not/forget) to pay the bills.
B: Never mind. You can do it tomorrow.

8 A: I wish Akim ..... (come) to the concert with us.
B: So do I. He would have really enjoyed it.

9 Write wishes using the words in bold in the sentences as in the example:

1 **You left the radio on** and now the batteries don't work.
You say, "*I wish I hadn't left the radio on.*"

2 It's very dark outside and **you can't find your torch**.
You say, "..... "

3 **You didn't do your homework** and your teacher is angry.
You say, "..... "

4 You live in the city. **You prefer the countryside**.
You say, "..... "

5 It's raining outside and **you want it to stop**.
You say, "..... "

6 **You stayed up late last night** and today you're very tired.
You say, "..... "

7 You are having a party **but nobody has come yet**.
You say, "..... "

8 You have short, straight hair. **You would like long, curly hair**.
You say, "..... "

9 You have just left your house and **left your keys at home**.
You say, "..... "

10 It is winter and **it doesn't look like it is going to snow**.
You say, "..... "

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