"I Wish …"

To make a wish about the present, use:

wish + simple past

Examples:

I can't visit my friends in Spain. I wish I could visit them.

I don't have time to exercise. I wish I had time to exercise.

We are sick. I wish we weren't sick.

These sweaters are expensive. I wish they were cheaper.



Complete the sentences.

1. I can't remember his name.
I wish I _____ _____ his name.

2. I don't know the answer.
I wish I _____ the answer.

3. I can't go the party.
I wish I _____ _____ to the party.

4. I can't speak Italian.
I wish I _____ _____ Italian.

5. I don't have enough money to take a vacation.
I wish I _____ enough money to take a vacation.

6. I don't know how to cook.
I wish I _____ how to cook.

7. I have a test tomorrow.
I wish I _____ _____ a test tomorrow.

8. My neighbors are noisy.
I wish they _____ quieter.

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9. I have a small apartment.
I wish I _____ a bigger apartment.

10. My friends aren't here.
I wish they _____ here.

11. The sleeves on this shirt are too short.
I wish they _____ longer.

12. The concert tickets are expensive.
I wish they _____ cheaper.

13. My sister lives far away.
I wish she _____ closer.

14. These oranges are sour.
I wish they _____ sweeter.

15. This laptop has a small screen.
I wish it _____ a bigger screen.

Now write your own sentence. Make a wish in the present. Use *wish* + simple past.

I wish _____.

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Answers:

1. could remember
2. knew
3. could go
4. could speak
5. had
6. knew
7. didn't have
8. were
9. had
10. were
11. were
12. were
13. lived
14. were
15. had

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