

# I wish... (1)

1) We use **wish + past simple or past continuous** to say that we want something to be different from how it is now.

The present situation: **Sarah has blue eyes.**

Wish: **Sarah wishes she had brown eyes.**

2) After **if** and **wish** we normally use **were** rather than **was** with **I/she/he/it/**  
**I wish it weren't so hot today.**

## 1) Complete these wishes with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese. (speak)
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a smartphone. (have)
- I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ swim better. (can)
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ to a bigger school. (go)
- I wish my holidays \_\_\_\_\_ longer. (be)
- I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ near a factory. (not live)
- Do you wish you \_\_\_\_\_ French? (study)
- I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ study PE at school. (not have to)

## 2) Complete the thought bubbles with the correct form of the verbs given below.

**be / can / wear / not be / fit / understand**



1. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a coat



2. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ taller.



3. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ buy this car.



4. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ this question.



5. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ so tired.



6. I wish the sweater \_\_\_\_\_ me.

## 4) Complete the sentences with **I wish** and a suitable verb.

- I wish I were*** \_\_\_\_\_ better at History.
- \_\_\_\_\_ so much homework.
- \_\_\_\_\_ in a bigger house.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mary's address.
- \_\_\_\_\_ German really well.
- \_\_\_\_\_ enough money for that dress.
- \_\_\_\_\_ an English test tomorrow.
- \_\_\_\_\_ as famous as Brad Pitt.
- \_\_\_\_\_ tennis as well as Roger Federer.

## 3) Write sentences with **I wish**. Use the underlined words to help you.

- I can't ride a horse. \_\_\_\_\_
- My parents don't have a fast car. \_\_\_\_\_
- I live in a small flat. \_\_\_\_\_
- It isn't sunny today. \_\_\_\_\_
- I'm not good at sports. \_\_\_\_\_
- My brother and I argue all the time. \_\_\_\_\_
- I can't stay up and watch this movie. \_\_\_\_\_
- I share the bedroom with my brother. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5) Choose an option and write a wish. Give a reason beginning with **because then...**

- can play the guitar / can play the violin  
\_\_\_\_\_
- be a film star / be a politician  
\_\_\_\_\_
- speak Japanese / speak Italian  
\_\_\_\_\_
- live in England / live in Singapore  
\_\_\_\_\_

## 6) Tell your partner about the following.

- a school subject you wish you could give up
- something you wish you had enough money to buy
- someone you wish you met at the moment
- some place you wish you were at the moment
- the appearance you wish you had