

- Mệnh đề *if only* có thể đứng một mình hoặc trong câu điều kiện.  
 If only I wasn't/ weren't so fat. (*Giá mà tôi không quá mập*)  
 If only I weren't so fat, I would be able to get into this dress.  
 (*Giá mà tôi không quá mập, tôi đã có thể mặc chiếc áo đầm này.*)
- Wish có thể được dùng ở quá khứ mà không thay đổi thể giả định.  
 He **wished** he **knew** her address.  
 (*Anh ta ước gì anh ta biết địa chỉ của cô ấy*)  
 → He was sorry he didn't know her address.

## EXERCISES

### 1. Underline the most suitable verb form in each sentence.

1. I'm sunburnt. I wish I hadn't sunbathed/didn't sunbathe for so long.
2. I don't feel well. I wish I could stay/stayed at home tomorrow.
3. I'm not a good swimmer, but I wish I could swim/would swim well.
4. I wish I had/have a puppy or a kitten!
5. I wish I could see/saw you tomorrow, but it's impossible.
6. I wish Jim didn't sit/doesn't sit next to me. He's so annoying!
7. If only we had/would have some money we could take the bus.
8. I hope you enjoyed/enjoy yourselves at the dance tomorrow.
9. I wish I can/could speak English better!
10. I hope I'll/I'd win the lottery!
11. I wish Peter doesn't live/didn't live/wouldn't live so far away from the town centre. We'll have to take a taxi.
12. I feel rather cold. I wish I brought/had brought my pullover with me.
13. What a pity. I wish we don't have to/didn't have to/wouldn't have to leave.
14. I wish you tell/told/had told me about the test. I haven't done any revision.
15. I wish the people next door hadn't made/wouldn't make/couldn't make so much noise. I can't hear myself think!
16. Darling, I love you so much! I wish we are/had been/would be/could be together always!
17. I'm sorry I missed your birthday party. I really wish I come/came/had come/would come.
18. I like my new boss but I wish she gave/would give/could give me some more responsibility.
19. Having a lovely time in Brighton. I wish you are/were/had been here.
20. This car was a complete waste of money. I wish I didn't buy/hadn't bought it.

## 2. Put each verb In brackets into a suitable verb form.

1. This train journey seems endless! I wish we (go) ..... by car.
2. I wish I (have)..... the money to buy some new clothes, but I can't afford any at the moment.
3. I wish the government (do)..... something about the pollution in the city.
4. I'm getting really soaked! I wish I (not forget)..... my umbrella.
5. I wish you (not do)..... that! It's a really annoying habit.
6. That was a lovely meal, but I wish I (not eat).....so much.
7. I wish I (study)..... harder for my exams. I'm not going to pass.
8. I wish you (not leave).....your dirty shoes in your bedroom!
9. I'm afraid I have no idea where Diana has gone. I wish I (know)
10. I really enjoyed our trip to the theatre. I wish we (go) ..... more often.
11. I'm soaked to the skin! If only I (bring)..... an umbrella!
12. This pullover was cheap. I wish I (buy)..... two of them!
13. I like your school. I wish I (go)..... there too.
14. I must get in touch with Sue. If only I (know)..... her phone number!
15. This bus is really slow! I wish we (take).....the train.
16. I'm disappointed in this camera. I wish I (not buy).....it.
17. I answered three questions well. If only I (finish)..... the whole test!
18. I can't understand Marie! I wish I (speak)..... French.

## 3. Put the verbs into the correct form.

1. I feel sick. I wish.....so much cake.
2. I'm fed up with this raining. I wish.....raining. (it/stop)
3. Its a difficult question. I wish .....the answer. (I/ know)
4. I should have listened to you. I wish .....your advice. (I/ take)
5. I wish.....here. She'd be able to help us. (Ann/be)
6. Aren't they ready yet? I wish.....(they/ hurry up)
7. It would be nice to stay here. I wish.....to go now. (we/ not/ have)
8. When we were in London last year, I didn't have time to see all the things we wanted to see. I wish ..... more time. (we/have)
9. It's freezing today. I wish..... so cold. I hate cold weather. (it/ not/ be)
10. What's her name again? I wish..... remember her name. (I/can)
11. What I said was stupid. I wish..... anything. (I/not/say)
12. You're driving too fast. I wish..... a bit. (you/slow down)



13. It was a terrible film. I wish..... to see it. (we/ not/ go)
14. You're always tired. I wish..... to bed so late. (you/not/go)
15. I spent all my money. I wish..... it. (I/ save)
16. Vicky's work isn't going well. She wishes..... better. (it/be)
17. I looked everywhere for the key. I wish..... it. (I/find)
18. The phone has been ringing for five minutes. I wish ..... it.  
(somebody/ answer)
19. It's very crowded here. I wish..... so many people. (there/not/be)
20. I wish ..... me about the dance, I would have gone. (you/tell)

**4. Complete what people are saying about their situation.**

1. Amy isn't as confident as Laura, but she would like to be.  
Amy to Laura: I wish.....you.
2. Julia drove to the airport, but she missed her plane because she didn't get up early enough.  
Julia: If only.....earlier.
3. Rick and Emily can't afford a new computer, but Rick would really like one.  
Rick to Emily: I wish.....
4. Chloe very much wants to contact an old friend, but she doesn't have the address.  
Chloe: If only.....the address.
5. Nicola and Kirsty had a secret, but Nicola is annoyed because Kirsty told everyone.  
Nicola to Kirsty: I wish.....
6. Adam never locks the front door, and Oliver is complaining to him about it.  
Oliver to Adam: I wish.....
7. The DVD player won't work, and Carl is desperate to play his DVD.  
Carl: If.....work.
8. Unfortunately Kate couldn't be at Tim's wedding, although she regrets not being there.  
Kate to Tim: I wish .....

**5. For each situation, write a sentence with *wish* or *if only***

1. Ann isn't here. I need to see her now.
2. John would like to be a pilot when he grows up.
3. I'm sorry I didn't come to the party last night.
4. I regret that you didn't give me a chance to tell you the truth.
5. Mayr is afraid she won't be able to attend your wedding next week.
6. I regret I didn't learn to play a musical instrument.