

PAST TENSES WITH HYPOTHETICAL MEANING

With the following expressions we use the **PAST SIMPLE** to talk about how we would like **THE PRESENT** situation to be different.

- **I'd prefer it if** you didn't ask me silly quiz questions.
- **I wish I** could have another hour in bed.
- **If only** my mind wasn't in the project, I would be able to sleep.
- **It's time** I bought a new alarm clock, mine is broken and I am always arriving late.

With, **I'd rather**, **I'd prefer**, we use infinitive when the subject of the second verb is the same or when there is no subject.

- **I'd prefer** to go home right now.
- **It's time** to go home right now.
- **I'd rather** go home right now.