

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.