



HOW TO USE I WISH/IF ONLY

Expressing a wish

IF ONLY / I WISH + SIMPLE PAST

Usage:

- To express a wish in the present or in the future.
- The simple past here is an unreal past.
- When you use the verb to be the form is "were".

Expressing regret

IF ONLY / I WISH + PAST PERFECT

Usage:

- To express regret.
- The action is past.



E.g.: If only I had woken up early. (I didn't wake up early and I missed my bus.)

Complaining

I WISH / IF ONLY + WOULD + VERB

Usage:

- To complain about a behavior that you disapprove.
- Expressing impatience, annoyance or dissatisfaction with present action.

If only present use. (past simple) s + if only + s + past simple.

I only I had a new car.

1. I don't have a new mobile phone.
2. You don't own a house.
3. I work too hard.
4. He isn't at home much.
5. I don't travel much.
6. She does a lot of housework.
7. You don't get enough sleep
8. My laptop is so slow!

If only / regrets (past perfect) if only + s + had + past participle

If only he had stayed more time.

1. I didn't go to my friend's party last night.
2. You bought a very expensive coat.
3. He arrived at work late.
4. They were late for school.
5. We didn't invite them to the concert.
6. She didn't go to Kathy's wedding.
7. I threw away my brown boots.
8. I couldn't see my family last Christmas.
9. My son failed driving test.

If only +s would/ would't present. If only he would be more patient.

1. My dad is always complaining.
2. You keep taking my things without asking .
3. There is too much air pollution.
4. It is scorching hot here!
5. My brother always plays music so loud.
6. My friend doesn't visit me very often.
7. My boss always sends me work on Sundays.
8. My best friend always smoke at all hours.