



WISH CLAUSES

IF+PAST SIMPLE

IF+PAST PERFECT

IF+PERSON/IT

PRESENT SITUATIONS

Use **wish+past simple** to say you regret or are sorry about a present situation.

Examples:

I **wish** I **had** more free time.

I **wish** Andrew **wasn't/weren't** so jealous.

I **wish** I **was** a famous actor.

PAST SITUATIONS

Use **wish+past perfect** to say you regret or are sorry about a past situation.

Examples:

I **wish** I **hadn't called** him. (But I did and now I regret it)

I **wish** we **hadn't seen** that film. It was horrible.

WISH+Person/it+would+INFIN

Use **wish+person/it+would+infinitive** to say what you want another person to do or not to do something, often because you are annoyed or when you want something to happen.

Examples:

I **wish** you **would** stop crying

I wish **it would stop** snowing (it's annoying me)

EXERCISE Fill the gaps with the correct form. Use the verbs in brackets.

- 1- I wish Anna _____ (not say) that to Charles. Now he's upset.
- 2- I wish the weather _____ (to be) better here in summer but there's nothing we can do about it.
- 3- I wish I _____ (have) a bigger car. Mine is too small. 
- 4- I wish Tomas _____ (not be) so selfish but he's always been like this.
- 5- I wish I _____ (know) Carol was ill last week. I would have phoned her.
- 6- I wish my son _____ (study) more often. He only studies before the exams.
- 7- I wish I _____ (not eat) so much at Phil's party. Now I don't feel well.
- 8- I wish someone _____ (answer) that phone. It's been ringing for ages.
- 9- I wish I _____ (know) her e-mail address. I would send her an e-mail.
- 10- I wish he _____ (not speak) so loudly. He thinks we are deaf!
- 11- I wish you _____ (not drive) so fast. You are making me angry.
- 12- I wish Sandy _____ (not arrive) late. We've missed the beginning of the film.
- 13- I wish I _____ (can buy) a new computer now. Mine is broken.
- 14- I wish I _____ (not forget) my umbrella on the bus. I'll have to buy a new one.
- 15- I wish Maria _____ (not be) so impatient. It does her no good at all.
- 16- I wish you _____ (stop) telling me what to do. It really annoys me.
- 17- I wish your friend _____ (tell) so many lies. It can't stand liars.
- 18- I wish my daughter _____ (not be) so untidy. Her room is always a mess. 