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### I WISH/I ONLY

#### Wishes about The Present

We use **wish** with **past Tense forms** (simple and continuous) to express regret about **present situations**:

- I wish I **was** taller = (I'm **not** very tall)
- I wish I **was** going with you = (but I'm **not**)

"I wish you **were** more helpful. = (you **are not**).

"I wish I **were**" can replace "I wish I **was**."

**NOTE** : If you want to be more grammatically correct, "**I wish I were**" is the best choice. Therefore, whenever **taking a test**, **writing a composition** or in any other **more formal situation**, for instance, prefer to use "**were**" :

✓ "I wish I **were** taller."

We use wish with **could** to express a wish for a present situation to be different when talking about **ability** or **possibility**. **Would** is not used to talk about **ability** or **possibility** :

✓ I wish I **could** use a computer well.

❌ ~~I wish I **would** tell her about it.~~

✓ I wish I **could** tell her about it.

Therefore, we use the **main verb in the Past Tense** (Past Simple or Past Continuous) every time we talk about **Present Regrets** with **I wish** and **If Only** sentences:

I wish I **knew** the answer. (= I don't know)

I wish I **was** /**were** better at sports. (= I'm not)

I wish I **was** /**were** going with you. (= I'm not)

I wish I **could** give you an answer. (= I can't)

#### Wishes about The Future

We use **wish** with **would** to say how we would like somebody to behave in the future.

In these situations, we don't use the **infinitive form** "**to + verb**" or "**will**" :

**NOTE**: after the verb "**stop**" an "**-ing**" verb form follows to indicate that action is to be finished.

❌ ~~I wish you **to stop** talking.~~

✓ I wish you **would stop** \*talking.

❌ ~~I wish that they **will stop** arguing.~~

I wish they **would stop** \*arguing.

We can also use this pattern in situations that do not involve people:

*"I wish this car would go faster".*

### Wishes about The Past

We use **wish** with **the \*Past Perfect ( "had + past participle" )** or **\*could have + past participle** when we have **Regrets about the past**:

*"I wish I **\*hadn't taken** your advice." (= but I **did**)*

*"I wish she **\*could have come**." (= but she **couldn't**)*

### If only

*If only can be **more emphatic** than I wish. The verb forms after "if only" are the same as the patterns with "I wish":*

*If only I **had** more money! (= but I **don't**)*

*If only I **was going** on holiday with you! (=but I'm **not**)*

*If only you **were** here. (= but you're **not**)*

*If only the sun **would** come out! (=but it **won't**)*

*If only you **could be** here! (= but you **can't**)*

*If only I'd **listened** to you! (=but I **didn't** )*

*If only he **could have explained**! (=but he **wasn't able to**)*

Now complete the following sentences with the correct form of the verb in parentheses. Some sentences will require a negative form. Use contractions in the negative forms.

1. I wish you  (**stop**) using your cell phone while I am talking to you!
2. Michael wishes he  (**have**) more money so he could buy a new car.
3. Harry is always late. If only he  (**show up**) on time for a change!
4. I wish vacation  (**come**) so we could go to the beach.
5. Of course Susan wishes she  (**come**) with us to Venice, but she has to stay here in Dallas.
6. I wish we  (**go**) to the soccer game on Saturday but we're visiting my uncle.
7. I wish I  (**be**) a better singer so that I could sing her a beautiful song.
8. I wish you  (**keep**) your mouth shut yesterday. Now Clara knows the truth.
9. I wish you  (**do**) that. It **gets on my nerves**!
10. If only I  (**lose**) all my money. Now **I'm broke**!