

Wishes

Complete the sentences.

WISH + past simple/past continuous



When we want a situation in the present or future to be different.

1. You're not here with me right now and I feel lonely.

I wish _____ with me right now.

2. I don't have much free time.

I wish _____ more free time.

3. My best friend lives far away.

I wish _____ so far away.

4. My boyfriend is leaving tomorrow.

I wish _____ tomorrow.

5. It's raining heavily.

I wish _____ so heavily.

WISH + COULD

When we lack the ability or have no opportunity to do something.

1. I can't ride a motorbike.

I wish ...

2. Paul can't speak Chinese.

Paul ...

3. I can't take a break right now.

I wish...

WISH + WOULD

To express annoyance about somebody else's behaviour.

1. My students interrupt me all the time.

I wish my students...

2. The baby's crying and I'm trying to sleep.

I wish the baby...

3. My parents won't let me go dancing.
I wish my parents...

WISH + past perfect

To express regret about something that happened or didn't happen in the past.

1. I regret spending so much money last month.
I wish _____ so much money last month.
2. Mary didn't take her mother's advice and now she's sorry.
Mary _____ her mother's advice.
3. He lost control of the car and crashed because he was driving too fast.
He wishes _____ so fast.

IF ONLY

IF ONLY can be used in the same way as I WISH or with a conditional.

Choose the correct option.

1. I could turn back time.
2. it wasn't so cold outside, we could go for a walk.
3. I knew the answer to that question.
4. you would stop asking such silly questions.
5. I hadn't sold my car, I wouldn't have to go to work by bus.