

# 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.

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| 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.