

WISH

The form of the verb used in the subordinate clause of a wish is determined by whether the time of the action referred to in the subordinate clause is **earlier than, the same as, or later than** the time of the action referred to in the main clause.

He **wishes** that he were rich. (simple past, **the same time**))

They **wish** that they had studied harder when they were young. (past perfect, **earlier time**)

She **wishes** that you would come to the meeting tomorrow. (simple conditional, **later time**)

It should be noted that the word **that** can be omitted from a sentence which uses the verb **to wish** in the main clause.

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A. Complete each of the following sentences with the verb shown in brackets. For example:

They wished they ____ not _____. (to come) They wished they had not come.

I wish I _____ ready on time. (to be) I wish I had been ready on time.

Will she wish she _____ her bicycle? (to ride) Will she wish she had ridden her bicycle?

1. I wish I _____ not _____ the answers. (to lose)
2. They wished they _____ not _____ the appointment. (to forget)
3. He will wish he _____ us the book. (to show)
4. Will they wish we _____ them some food? (to give)
5. We wish it _____ yesterday. (to snow)
6. She wished she _____ not _____ the window. (to open)
7. I wished I _____ the news. (to hear)
8. You wish you _____ what to do. (to know)

B. Complete each of the following sentences with the the verb shown in brackets. For example:

He wished he ____ able to do it. (to be) He wished he were able to do it.

I wish I _____ with you. (to agree) I wish I agreed with you.

They will wish they _____ time to come. (to have) They will wish they had time to come.

1. I wish it _____ possible to finish the work tonight. (to be)
2. Will he wish he _____ ready? (to be)
3. She wished she _____ how to sing. (to know)
4. We wish they _____ to come with us. (to want)
5. You wished you _____ better. (to feel)
6. They will wish it _____ warmer. (to be)
7. Does he wish he _____ younger? (to be)
8. I wish I _____ the subject more interesting. (to find)

C. Complete the following sentences. For example:

They wished the sun _____. (to shine) They wished the sun would shine.

Does she wish it _____? (to snow) Does she wish it would snow?

You will wish the bell _____. (to ring) You will wish the bell would ring.

1. They wished she _____ the arrangements. (to make)
2. He will wish you _____ him. (to help)
3. She wishes the mail _____. (to come)
4. We wished they _____. (to hurry)

5. You will wish the door _____ (to open)
6. They wish we _____ for them. (to wait)
7. I wish you _____ to me. (to write)
8. Will she wish you _____ her? (to join)

D. Paying attention to the underlined adverbs indicating time, complete each of the following sentences with the correct form of the verb shown in brackets. Use the verbs depending on whether the time of the action referred to in the subordinate clause is **earlier than, the same as, or later than, the time of making the wish**. For example: We wished they _____ us earlier. (to call) We wished they had called us earlier.

She wishes she _____ in Rome now. She wishes she were in Rome now.

I wish you _____ with us tomorrow. (to come) I wish you would come with us tomorrow.

1. I wish he _____ here now. (to be)
2. I wish that you _____ here yesterday. (to be)
3. We wish you _____ tomorrow. (to come)
4. You will wish you _____ earlier. (to leave)
5. They wished he _____ with them the next day. (to come)
6. We wish you _____ yesterday. (to arrive)
7. I wish that he _____ us next year. (to visit)
8. She wishes that she _____ at home now. (to be)
9. You wish that he _____ you last week. (to help)
10. He will always wish he _____ rich. (to be)
11. The boy wished that he _____ the competition the next day. (to win)
12. She will wish she _____ the arrangements earlier. (to make)
13. I wish the weather _____ warmer now. (to be)
14. We always wished we _____ fluent in other languages. (to be)
15. They wish he _____ them next week. (to telephone)