

## 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.

He **wishes** he were rich.

They **wish** they had studied harder when they were young.

She **wishes** you would come to the meeting tomorrow.

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

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

I wish I not be ready on time. (to be) I wish I had been ready on time.

Will she wish she not ride her bicycle? (to ride) Will she wish she had ridden her bicycle?

1. I wish I not lose the answers. (to lose)

2. They wished they not forget the appointment. (to forget)

3. He will wish he show us the book. (to show)

4. Will they wish we give them some food? (to give)

5. We wish it snow yesterday. (to snow)

6. She wished she not open the window. (to open)

7. I wished I hear the news. (to hear)

8. You wish you know what to do. (to know)

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

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

I wish I not agree with you. (to agree) I wish I agreed with you.

They will wish they have 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 know how to sing. (to know)

4. We wish they want to come with us. (to want)

5. You wished you feel better. (to feel)

6. They will wish it be warmer. (to be)

7. Does he wish he be younger? (to be)

8. I wish I find the subject more interesting. (to find)

**C. Complete the following sentences. For example:**

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

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

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

1. They wished she make the arrangements. (to make)

2. He will wish you help him. (to help)

3. She wishes the mail come. (to come)

4. We wished they hurry. (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)