

# Wishes

We use *wish* to express:

. *wish + Past Simple*

-> regret about the present

Laura wishes she lived closer to the beach.

. *wish + Past Perfect*

-> regret about a past situation we can't change

Alex wishes he had invited Sarah to his party last week.

. *wish + would + bare infinitive*

-> complaint for change in present (different subject)

I wish Peter would stop taking my tablet without asking.

. *wish + could + bare infinitive*

-> desire something will happen in the future (same subject)

Molly wishes she could have some time off work.

✓ If only *can* replace *wish* for emphasis.

✓ We use *were* instead of *was* in formal English.

*Check your knowledge, choose the correct sentence:*

I wish I lived closer to the school.

I wish I live closer to the school.

If only I can come with you on holiday.

If only I could come with you on holiday.

I wish I hadn't told her the news.

I wish I didn't tell her the news.

I wish my sister doesn't borrow all my things.

I wish my sister wouldn't borrow all my things.

He wishes he will receive more pocket money.

He wishes he received more pocket money.

If only he had invited me to his party last Sunday.

If only he would have invited me to his party last Sunday.

I wish they could join us tonight.

I wish they would join us tonight.

I wish I can speak Spanish.

I wish I spoke Spanish.

Polly wishes she were in the Bahamas right now.

Polly wishes she would be in the Bahamas right now.

I wish we hadn't left so early last night.

I wish we didn't leave so early last night.