

Read the theory and solve the activities.



Choose the correct word or phrase.

- 1 My mother wishes she *can* / **could** type faster.
- 2 I wish I *spoke* / *had spoken* French.
- 3 She wishes she *learnt* / *had learnt* Spanish when she was much younger.
- 4 I have put on a lot of weight. I wish I *didn't eat* / *hadn't eaten* so much at Christmas.
- 5 If only I *could go* / *went* on holiday next summer.
- 6 I wish I *bought* / *had bought* that car a year ago.
- 7 James wishes he *didn't sleep* / *hadn't slept* on the beach. Now he is sunburnt.
- 8 I wish Mary *doesn't drive* / *didn't drive* so fast.
- 9 They wish I *came* / *had come* home earlier last night.
- 10 I wish I *could come* / *came* with you tomorrow.



Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish I *had* (have) more money. I would like to buy that camera.
- 2 She wishes she (study) medicine when she had the chance.
- 3 My father wishes he (buy) that house last year. Now it's much more expensive.
- 4 I wish I (study). I can't concentrate.
- 5 I wish you (turn) the volume down a little. I am trying to work.
- 6 Martin wishes I (not tell) everybody his secret.
- 7 I wish I (do) my homework yesterday. Now I'll have to stay up late.
- 8 He wishes he (come) to the party on Saturday.
- 9 Jack regrets (eat) so much. Now he feels awful.
- 10 I wish I (eat) more for breakfast. I'm very hungry now.
- 11 My friend Sally wishes she (be) a singer and not a secretary.
- 12 I wish our neighbours (stop) shouting. I can't sleep.



Read the sentences and write wishes, as in the example.

You were rude. You insulted your teacher. You aren't allowed to go on the school trip.

I wish I hadn't been rude. I wish I hadn't insulted my teacher.

I wish I were allowed to go on the school trip.

- 1 You didn't take the train. You took the bus instead. Now you are stuck in traffic.
I wish
- 2 You didn't go to the school dance. You stayed at home instead.
I wish
- 3 You fell asleep on the sofa and you didn't see the match.
I wish
- 4 You fought with your best friend. You didn't apologise.
I wish
- 5 You bought some trousers. They are too short for you.
I wish

Write sentences for the following situations. Use wish.

- 1 Sally doesn't have enough money to go on holiday.
Sally wishes she had enough money to go on holiday.
- 2 I don't have much free time, which is a pity.
- 3 Mrs Carter doesn't have a good job.
- 4 Thieves broke into our neighbour's house last night.
- 5 Ian spent all his money gambling.
- 6 We bought a house in this area but it's very noisy.
- 7 He can't control his temper which is very bad for him.
- 8 He tore up all the letters she had sent him. Now he regrets it.
- 9 Their car broke down on their way home.
- 10 She didn't help me and now she feels sorry.

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

- 1 It's a pity she can't speak a foreign language.
She wishes *she could speak a foreign language.*
- 2 It's a pity they quarrel so often.
They wish
- 3 I regret calling him.
I wish
- 4 It's a pity you don't work harder.
I wish
- 5 It's a pity you can't take a vacation this year.
If only you
- 6 I am sorry I insulted you.
I wish
- 7 I regret selling my house.
I wish
- 8 They are sorry they lost the match.
They wish
- 9 She regrets speaking to him like that.
She wishes she
- 10 It's a pity you can't come to the theatre tonight.
I wish
- 11 I am sorry I lost my car keys.
I wish
- 12 It's a pity you are busy on Saturday.
If only

- 13 It's a pity he didn't manage to pass.
I wish
- 14 It's a pity I don't play tennis.
If only
- 15 I am sorry you missed the plane.
I wish
- 16 I am sorry I forgot to buy a present for your birthday.
If only
- 17 What a pity my dog got lost.
I wish
- 18 I am sorry Julie moved to Spain.
I wish

13 Complete the sentences using the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I wish you *hadn't mentioned* (mention) the trip to Carla. Now she wants to come!
- 2 I wish you (come) into the house in your muddy boots all the time.
Take them off outside.
- 3 We wish we (live) in a faraway place without the pressures of everyday life.
- 4 Alec regrets (accept) the job. The pay and conditions are poor.
- 5 I wish I (see) the look on his face when he discovered the truth.
- 6 I regret (not go) to the party. I hear it was great.
- 7 Graham wishes he (pay) attention during the lesson. Now he can't do his homework.
- 8 I wish you (stop) showing off in front of guests. It's so embarrassing.

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