Present Wishes

We use **WISH + past tense** to talk about situations in the present that we want to be different.

1) Wish + Past Simple

Structure: Subject + wish + past simple

Example:

I live with my parents. → I **wish** I **didn't live** with my parents.

I don't have a car. → I **wish** I **had** a car.

Life is difficult. → I **wish** it **were** easier.

NOTE: After **'wish'**, we use **'were'** for all subjects with the **verb BE**

I **wish** I **were**, she **wishes** she were

2) Wish + Could

Structure: Subject + wish + could + base verb

I **can't move** out. → I **wish** I **could move out**.

I **can't travel**. → I **wish** I **could travel**.

3) Wish + Would

Structure: Subject + wish + would + base verb

Used for annoying or repeated actions.

My parents **won't stop** worrying. → I **wish** they would stop worrying.

He **talks** too much. → I wish he would stop talking so much.

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Exercise 1: Choose the correct option

1. I wish I _____ taller.
   a) am
   b) were
   c) was

2. She wishes she _____ more money.
   a) has
   b) had
   c) have

3. I can't drive. I wish I _____ drive.
   a) can
   b) could
   c) would

4. He talks a lot. I wish he _____ talking so much.
   a) stops
   b) stopped
   c) would stop

Exercise 2 – Rewrite using WISH

1. I live far from my school.
   → _____

2. I can't play the guitar.
   → _____

3. It is very cold today.
   → _____

4. My brother doesn't help at home.
   → _____

5. I don't speak English fluently.
   → _____

Exercise 3 – Complete with: had / were / could / would

1. I wish I _____ more free time.

2. She wishes she _____ taller.

3. We wish we _____ travel more.

4. I wish my parents _____ understand me.

5. He wishes he _____ better grades.

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