

WISHES AND HOPES

STRUCTURE	EXAMPLE	MEANING
WISH + Past Simple (unreal present)	<i>I wish I had more food.</i>	Reality: I don't have food.
WISH + Could (unreal ability)	<i>I wish I could predict weather.</i>	I can't predict weather.
WISH + Would (desire for change)	<i>I wish Pete would stop complaining!</i>	Pete keeps complaining.
HOPE + Present Simple (real future)	<i>I hope the storm stops soon.</i>	Possible – it could stop.
HOPE + Will (optimistic future)	<i>I hope Pete will bring snacks.</i>	Optimistic about future.

KEY: WISH = NOT real now | HOPE = still POSSIBLE

EXERCISE 4 Find the Mistake and Fix It

Each sentence has a grammar error with WISH or HOPE. Find it and rewrite the sentence correctly.

1. I wish the blizzard will stop soon.

Correct: _____

2. She hopes the government would provide better shelters.

Correct: _____

3. I wish I can speak five languages.

Correct: _____

4. We hope the storm stopped before it reaches the city.

Correct: _____

5. I wish Anna stop honking. (She keeps honking.)

Correct: _____

6. I wish I know how to use weather forecasting software.

Correct: _____

7. They hope Pete doesn't ate all the food.

Correct: _____

8. I wish I have more emergency supplies at home right now.

Correct: _____

9. She wishes she could went to report on the big storm.

Correct: _____

10. We wish the weather forecasting is more accurate.

Correct: _____

EXERCISE 5 Pete's Secret Diary – Fill in the Gaps

Complete Pete's diary entry with the correct form of WISH or HOPE and the verb in brackets.

Pete's Weekend Diary – Saturday, The Big Snow

"Today was the longest day of my life. I (1) _____ (be) at home right now, watching TV.

But Anna (2) _____ (volunteer) me to help with the storm coverage.

I (3) _____ she (stop) honking that horn every five minutes. It's driving me crazy! I also

(4) _____ I (bring) my own snacks, because Anna's popcorn mysteriously disappeared...

On the bright side, I (5) _____ the snow (stop) soon so I can go home. And I (6)

_____ Anna (not / celebrate) every single record. One celebration was enough!

At least I (7) _____ that our reporting (make) a difference. People need this information.

But I really (8) _____ I (not / be) a weather reporter!

I (9) _____ Pete (have) better survival skills. Wait, I AM Pete. I (10)

_____ this experience (teach) Anna that being prepared is important... but I still hope

SHE brings the food next time."