

Wish + Past Verb (Verb 2)

In English, we use **wish + past form verb** when we want something now or in the future to be different.

e.g. I wish I **had** more money. (Now you have a little money.)

I wish I **didn't have to** do the housework every day. (You have to do it everyday now.)

Exercise 1: Complete the sentences with the simple past form of the verb

1. I wish she told (tell) me about her party before. I already have plans.
2. Danny wishes he finished (finish) work earlier every day.
3. My children wish that I bought (buy) them more presents every Christmas.
4. I wish I didn't go to school at the weekends. It's boring.
5. I wish I got (get) paid twice a month instead of once a month.
6. Henry wishes he went (go) to Harvard because it's the best university.
7. I wish I had (have) my free time back.
8. I wish I found (find) a new job.
9. I wish I got (get) a job with better salary.
10. Are you serious? I wish I could (can) get paid extra for working on holidays.

Exercise 2: Write your wish by using 'wish+ past verb' according to the situation.

- 1) I don't have a car. _____ **I wish I had a car.** _____
- 2) I can't play the piano. _____
- 3) I'm at work. _____
- 4) It's winter. _____
- 5) I'm ill. _____
- 6) I don't have new shoes. _____
- 7) I can't afford to go on holiday. _____
- 8) I don't have time to read lots of books. _____
- 9) I can't drive. _____
- 10) I have to go to your nephew's wedding. _____