

# WISH – IF ONLY

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Complete these sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets. Some sentences require a negative.

## Practice



1. Bruce wishes he ..... (have) more money so he could buy a new sweater.
2. I wish it ..... (snow) now that it's Christmas.
3. I wish I ..... (be) taller so that I could be in the basketball team.
4. I wish you ..... (stop) watching television while I am talking to you.
5. I wish you ..... (do) that. It annoys me.
6. I wish the holidays ..... (come) so we could go off to the seaside.
7. I wish they ..... (build) that block of flats right in front of our window.
8. Of course Tom wishes he ..... (come) with us to Paris, but he has to stay here and work.
9. I wish we ..... (go) to the match on Saturday but we're visiting my uncle instead.
10. I wish you ..... (keep) your mouth shut yesterday. Now Mary knows everything.
11. If only ..... (lose) all my money. Now I'm broke.
12. Peter is always late. If only he ..... (turn up) on time for a change!

Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence. Use **wish** (or **only**, as part of **if only**) and other words to complete each sentence. You must use between two and five words.

**Eg.** It's a pity I haven't got a bike.  
I wish I had a bike.

1. It's a shame you don't have time to help.  
 I ..... time to help.
2. It's sad that city life is so unhealthy.  
 I ..... more healthy.
3. It's a terrible pity I can't go there with you.  
 If ..... there with you.
4. I'm sorry you're not here.  
 I ..... here.



**Choose the right answer:**

1. I don't understand this grammar point. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ it better.  
 a) understood      b) would understand      c) had understood

2. It never stops raining here. I wish it \_\_\_\_\_ raining.  
 a) stopped      b) would stop      c) had stopped



3. I should never have said that. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ that.  
 a) didn't say      b) wouldn't say      c) hadn't said

4. I miss my friends. I wish my friends \_\_\_\_\_ here right now.  
 a) were      b) would be      c) had been

5. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ English well.  
 a) spoke      b) could speak      c) had spoken

6. I cannot sleep. The dog next door is making too much noise. I wish it \_\_\_\_\_ quiet.  
 a) kept      b) would keep      c) had kept

7. This train is very slow. The earlier train was much faster.  
 I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ the earlier train.  
 a) caught      b) would catch      c) had caught



8. I didn't see the TV programme but everybody said it was excellent.  
 I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ it.  
 a) saw      b) would see      c) had seen

9. I went out in the rain and now I have a bad cold. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ out.  
 a) didn't go      b) wouldn't go      c) hadn't gone

10. This movie is terrible. I wish we \_\_\_\_\_ to see another one.  
 a) went      b) would go      c) had gone

11. I hate living in England. It's cold and it's damp. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ in Spain.  
 a) lived      b) would live      c) had lived

12. I love California. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ there right now.  
 a) were      b) would be      c) had been



13. My car is too small. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ a bigger one.  
 a) had      b) would have      c) had had

14. I was only in Miami for a week. I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ more time there but I had to go on to New York.  
 a) had      b) would have      c) had had