

WISH CLAUSES

IF+PAST SIMPLE

PRESENT SITUATIONS

Use **wish+past simple** to say you regret or are sorry about a present situation.
Examples:

I **wish** I **had** more free time.

I **wish** Andrew **wasn't/ weren't** so jealous.

I **wish** I **was** a famous actor.

IF+PAST PERFECT

PAST SITUATIONS

Use **wish+past perfect** to say you regret or are sorry about a past situation.
Examples:

I **wish** I **hadn't called** him. (But I did and now I regret it)

I **wish** we **hadn't seen** that film. It was horrible.

IF+PERSON/IT

WISH+Person/it+would+INFIN

Use **wish+person/it+ would+ infinitive** to say what you want another person to do or not to do something, often because you are annoyed or when you want something to happen.
Examples:
I **wish you would** stop crying
I wish **it would stop** snowing (it's annoying me)

EXERCISE **Fill the gaps with the correct form. Use the verbs in brackets.**

1- I wish Anna _____ (not say) that to Charles. Now he's upset.
2-I wish the weather _____ (to be) better here in summer but there's nothing we can do about it.
3-I wish I _____ (have) a bigger car. Mine is too small.



4-I wish Tomas _____ (not be) so selfish but he's always been like this.
5-I wish I _____ (know) Carol was ill last week. I would have phoned her.
6-I wish my son _____ (study) more often. He only studies before the exams.
7-I wish I _____ (not eat) so much at Phil's party. Now I don't feel well.
8-I wish someone _____ (answer) that phone. It's been ringing for ages.
9-I wish I _____ (know) her e-mail address. I would send her an e-mail.
10-I wish he _____ (not speak) so loudly. He thinks we are deaf!
11-I wish you _____ (not drive) so fast. You are making me angry.
12-I wish Sandy _____ (not arrive) late. We've missed the beginning of the film.
13-I wish I _____ (can buy) a new computer now. Mine is broken.
14- I wish I _____ (not forget) my umbrella on the bus. I'll have to buy a new one.
15-I wish Maria _____ (not be) so impatient. It does her no good at all.
16-I wish you _____ (stop) telling me what to do. It really annoys me.
17-I wish your friend _____ (tell) so many lies. It can't stand liers.
18- I wish my daughter _____ (not be) so untidy. Her room is always a mess.

