

Wishes



Complete the sentences.

WISH + past simple/past continuous

When we want a situation in the present or future to be different.

1. You're not here with me right now and I feel lonely.
I wish _____ with me right now.
2. I don't have much free time.
I wish _____ more free time.
3. My best friend lives far away.
I wish _____ so far away.
4. My boyfriend is leaving tomorrow.
I wish _____ tomorrow.
5. It's raining heavily.
I wish _____ so heavily.

WISH + COULD

When we lack the ability or have no opportunity to do something.

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| 1. I can't ride a motorbike. | I wish ... | |
| 2. Paul can't speak Chinese. | Paul ... | |
| 3. I can't take a break right now. | I wish... | |

WISH + WOULD

To express annoyance about somebody else's behaviour.

1. My students interrupt me all the time.
I wish my students... _____
2. The baby's crying and I'm trying to sleep.

I wish the baby...

3. My parents won't let me go dancing.

I wish my parents...

WISH + past perfect

To express regret about something that happened or didn't happen in the past.

1. I regret spending so much money last month.
I wish _____ so much money last month.
2. Mary didn't take her mother's advice and now she's sorry.
Mary _____ her mother's advice.
3. He lost control of the car and crashed because he was driving too fast.
He wishes _____ so fast.

IF ONLY

IF ONLY can be used in the same way as I WISH or with a conditional.

Choose the correct option.

1. _____ I could turn back time.
2. _____ it wasn't so cold outside, we could go for a walk.
3. _____ I knew the answer to that question.
4. _____ you would stop asking such silly questions.
5. _____ I hadn't sold my car, I wouldn't have to go to work by bus.