Wishes

We use wish *to express:*

. *wish + Past Simple* -> *regret about the present*

Laura wishes she lived closer to the beach.

. *wish + Past Perfect* -> *regret about a past situation we can't change*

Alex wishes he had invited Sarah to his party last week.

. *wish + would + bare infinitive* -> *complaint for change in present (different subject)*

I wish Peter would stop taking my tablet without asking.

. *wish + could + bare infinitive* -> *desire something will happen in the future(same subject)*

Molly wishes she could have some time off work.

✓ If only *can replace* wish *for emphasis.*

✓*We use* were *instead of* was *in formal English.*

Check your knowledge, choose the correct sentence:

__ I wish I lived closer to the school.

__ I wish I live closer to the school.

__ If only I can come with you on holiday.

__ If only I could come with you on holiday.

__ I wish I hadn't told her the news.

__ I wish I didn't tell her the news.

__ I wish my sister doesn't borrow all my things.

__ I wish my sister wouldn't borrow all my things.

__ He wishes he will receive more pocket money.

__ He wishes he received more pocket money.

__ If only he had invited me to his party last Sunday.

__ If only he would have invited me to his party last Sunday.

__ I wish they could join us tonight.

__ I wish they would join us tonight.

__ I wish I can speak Spanish.

__ I wish I spoke Spanish.

__ Polly wishes she were in the Bahamas right now.

__ Polly wishes she would be in the Bahamas right now.

__ I wish we hadn't left so early last night.

__ I wish we didn't leave so early last night.