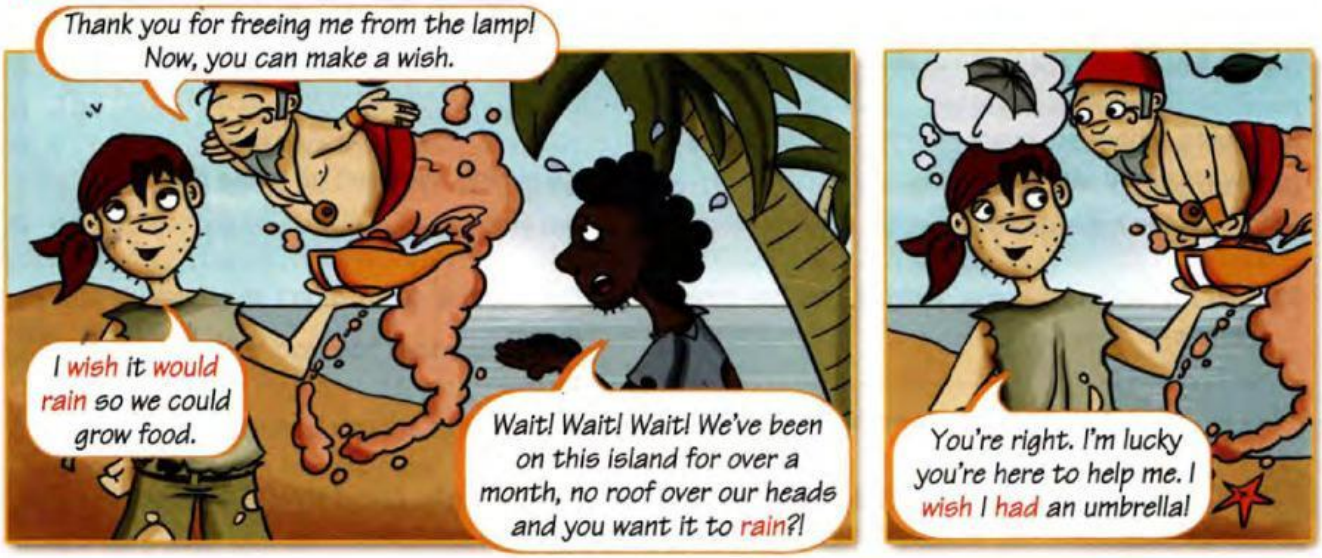
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16 **Listen and repeat. Then act out.**



	Form	Use
***wish* / *if only* (regret about the present)**	**+ past simple / past continuous**	regret about a present situation which we want to be different
I wish / If only I **were/was** *more patient. (But I'm not patient.)*		
***wish* / *if only* (wish / regret about the present)**	**+ subject + *could* + bare infinitive**	wish or regret in the present
I wish / If only I **could ride** *a bicycle. (But I can't.)*		
***wish* / *if only* (wish for a future change)**	**+ subject + *would* + bare infinitive (a. 'wish' and 'would' should have different subjects. We never say: ~~*I wish I would; He wishes he would*~~, etc. b. *wish* + inanimate subject + *would* is used to express the speaker's lack of hope or disappointment.)**	wish for a future change unlikely to happen or wish to express dissatisfaction; polite request implying dissatisfaction or lack of hope
I wish he **would study** *for his exams. (But I don't think he will. – wish for a future change unlikely to happen)* *I wish Jane* **would go** *to university. (Jane has refused to do so and I'm unhappy about it. – dissatisfaction)* *I wish* **it would stop** *snowing. (It's unlikely to stop snowing but I wish it would.)* *I wish you* **would be** *quiet. (I don't expect you will be quiet but I'm asking anyway. – request implying lack of hope)*		
***wish* / *if only* (regret about the past)**	**+ past perfect**	regret that something happened or didn't happen in the past
I wish / If only I **had gone** *to Ann's party last night. (But I didn't.)*		
In wishes, we go one tense back. This means that we use past simple in the present and the past perfect in the past. *I'm poor. I wish I* **were** *rich.* **(past)** */ I lost my watch yesterday. I wish I* ***hadn't lost*** *it.* **(past)** **After wish and if only we can use were instead of was in all persons.** *I wish / If only I* **was/were** *taller.*		

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13 **Match the captions 1–6 to the pictures A–F. Then rewrite the statements as wishes.**


A


B


C


D 1


E


F

1 "I'm sorry. I didn't see the red light."
I wish *I had seen the red light.*

2 "The lectures are so boring."
I wish .....

3 "I'd prefer to be out with my friends."
I wish .....

4 "I'm so sad I failed my test."
I wish .....

5 "She gives me so much work to do."
I wish .....

6 "I can't understand what he's saying."
I wish .....

14 **Using the bold type in the sentences, write wishes as in the example:**

1 You are leaving for the airport. **You can't find your passport.**
You say: *"I wish I could find my passport."*

2 You live in the suburbs. **You prefer the city centre.**
You say: .....

3 **You argued with your friend yesterday.** Today she is upset.
You say: .....

4 **You didn't clean your bedroom** and your mother is angry.
You say: .....

5 You want to go on holiday but **you can't afford it**.
You say: .....

15 **Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

Dear Auntie Claire,

I feel so unhappy. I wish we 1) *hadn't moved* **(not/move)** to London. If only Mum and Dad 2) ..... **(give)** it some more thought before they decided to come here.

Everything is so different. First of all, it's always cold and wet. I wish it 3) ..... **(not/keep)** raining all the time. Secondly, I really miss my old friends. I wish my new classmates 4) ..... **(be)** friendlier – it would make things a lot easier. Finally, I feel really alone. If only there 5) ..... **(be)** someone here I could talk to.

Do you think there is anything I can do to make myself feel better? Please help.

Thanks for any advice,
Emma

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16 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

1 A: If only the sun ..*would come*.. **(come)** out.
B: Cheer up. I don't think it's going to rain much longer.

2 A: I wish you ..... **(tidy)** your room.
B: I'm busy with my homework right now. I'll do it later.

3 A: I wish I ..... **(not/lend)** Bill my laptop.
B: You mean he hasn't returned it to you yet?

4 A: I wish I ..... **(know)** how to use a computer.
B: Don't worry. I'll show you.

5 A: If only I ..... **(learn)** to ride a bike when I was younger.
B: Don't worry. You can learn now!

6 A: Is Layla going with you to LA?
B: No, she wishes she ..... **(come)** but she can't get time off work.

7 A: If only Jessica ..... **(talk)** to me.
B: She's still upset. Give her time.

8 A: If only I ..... **(not/leave)** the gate open.
B: Don't worry. I'm sure we'll find your dog.

9 A: Your teacher says she wishes you .... **(pay)** more attention in class, Alex.
B: OK Mum. I'll try.

10 A: I wish you ..... **(be)** here, Anna. I feel so sad!
B: Cheer up! I'll be with you tomorrow.

11 A: If only I ..... **(be/accepted)** into Oxford University.
B: Don't be sad. You are going to love it at Glasgow University.

12 A: I wish the children ..... **(stop)** shouting.
B: I'll tell them to be quiet.

17 Read the speech bubbles and make sentences as in the example:

1 It's snowing outside. I'm cold. I should have worn a hat and some gloves.

I wish ...*I had worn a hat and some gloves*....
If *I had worn a hat and some gloves, I wouldn't ..be cold now*.....

2 I'm late for school. I should have got up earlier.

I wish .....
If .....
.....

3 I can't buy a bicycle. I didn't save any money.

I wish .....
If .....
.....

4 I burnt my finger. I shouldn't have touched the cooker.

I wish .....
If .....
.....

5 I can't answer the questions. I should have studied for the test.

I wish .....
If .....
.....

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