

WISHES AND HOPES

STRUCTURE	EXAMPLE	MEANING
WISH + Past Simple (unreal present)	<i>I wish I had more food.</i>	Reality: I don't have food.
WISH + Could (unreal ability)	<i>I wish I could predict weather.</i>	I can't predict weather.
WISH + Would (desire for change)	<i>I wish Pete would stop complaining!</i>	Pete keeps complaining.
HOPE + Present Simple (real future)	<i>I hope the storm stops soon.</i>	Possible – it could stop.
HOPE + Will (optimistic future)	<i>I hope Pete will bring snacks.</i>	Optimistic about future.

KEY: WISH = NOT real now | HOPE = still POSSIBLE

EXERCISE 1 WISH or HOPE? – Circle the Correct Option

Choose the correct word and circle it.

1. I WISH / HOPE the storm stops soon – we need to get home.
2. Pete WISH / WISHES he were not at the office on Saturday.
3. I WISH / HOPE you will be safe during the blizzard.
4. She WISH / WISHES she could predict the weather more accurately.
5. We HOPE / WISH the emergency services arrive on time.
6. I WISH / HOPE I had packed more food for the storm!
7. They HOPE / WISH the flooding doesn't reach their neighbourhood.
8. I WISH / HOPE I knew how to ski – this blizzard looks amazing!
9. Anna HOPE / HOPES she will get the chance to report on another big event.
10. I WISH / HOPE Pete would stop eating my popcorn!

EXERCISE 2 Complete with the Correct Form

Use the verb in brackets in the correct form.

1. I wish I _____ (have) more time to prepare for the storm.
2. She hopes the government _____ (provide) emergency shelters.
3. I wish the wind _____ (stop) blowing so hard!
4. Pete wishes Anna _____ (not / honk) her horn every time a record breaks.
5. We hope the roads _____ (open) soon so people can go home.
6. I wish I _____ (can / predict) which areas will flood this year.
7. Anna hopes she _____ (report) on another major event next year.
8. I wish the city _____ (have) a better early warning system for floods.
9. We hope the snowfall _____ (not / affect) the airport.

10. I wish Pete _____ (bring) his own supplies!

EXERCISE 3 Rewrite Using WISH

Rewrite each sentence using WISH + correct form to describe the unreal situation.

1. I don't have a blizzard survival kit.

I wish _____

2. Pete can't stop complaining.

I wish _____

3. The weather affects our plans every year.

I wish _____

4. Anna doesn't know how to ski.

Anna wishes _____

5. We don't have real-time forecasting in our city.

We wish _____

6. The government doesn't provide emergency supplies.

People wish _____

7. I have to work on weekends during emergencies.

I wish _____

8. Bolivia doesn't always have an early flood warning system.

People wish _____

9. Pete keeps eating Anna's popcorn.

Anna wishes _____

10. The storm doesn't stop.

Everyone wishes _____