

# ...Wish / If Only ...

## Remember this:

- ① { Wishes about the Present → Simple Past  
 Wishes about the Past → Past Perfect  
 will + verb → would+ V (base form)  
 can + verb → could+ V (base form)
- ② { Negative → Affirmative

instead of "was",  
we use "were"

### Wishes about the past:

We use "wish" to express regrets in the past for example, "last year, you were offered a job to work in a restaurant, but you turned down the offer." Later, you found out that the salary was high and the working conditions were excellent.

Here are some ways to express regrets in the past:

- ☛ I wish I had accepted the job offer.
- ☛ If only I hadn't turned down the job offer.

**Form: wish about the past --→ Past Perfect**  
 affirmative ↔ negative

### Wishes about the present:

We can express wishes about present using this form.

**Form: wishes about the present --→ Simple Past**  
 affirmative ↔ negative

Here are some ways to express regrets in the present:

1. What a pity! I don't know how to use this iPad.  
☛ I wish I knew how to use this iPad.
2. My sister doesn't live in Barcelona.  
☛ If only my sister lived in Barcelona.

### Wishes about the future:

We can express wishes about future using this form.

**Form: wishes about the future (will) -→ would + verb**  
**can -→ could + verb**  
 affirmative ↔ negative

Here are some ways to express wishes about future:

1. Messi won't play the next match against Real Madrid.  
☛ I wish Messi would play the next month against Real Madrid.
2. The Smiths will not come this holiday to Morocco.  
☛ If only the Smiths would come this holiday to Morocco.

#### EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. Sam doesn't live near school.  
Sam wishes \_\_\_\_\_
2. My two brothers don't speak Spanish.  
My two brothers wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. It doesn't rain much here.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_

4. He doesn't have enough money.  
He wishes \_\_\_\_\_
5. They take the train every day.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. Robert didn't have the ticket.  
Robert wishes \_\_\_\_\_
2. I stole his cell phone yesterday.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. Paul didn't apply for the job on time.  
Paul wishes \_\_\_\_\_
4. She had an accident because she drove fast.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
5. I was not a member of that association  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXERCISE 3 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. My best friend won't come to the party.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
2. Sorry, I can't see you more often.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. They won't arrive on Friday.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
4. Adam can't lend you the car.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
5. She won't call Jack tonight.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_

#### EXERCISE 4 Re-write these sentences as suggested.

1. Leila didn't take the taxi to work yesterday.  
Leila wishes \_\_\_\_\_
2. He didn't have enough time to finish the whole exam last time.  
He wishes \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am terribly sorry, I can't help you.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
4. I was not with my wife during my vacation in Europe last summer.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
5. What a pity! Susan failed her driving test.  
Susan wishes \_\_\_\_\_
6. He doesn't have a good salary.  
He wishes \_\_\_\_\_

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## Quiz on Wish / If Only ...

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### EXERCISE 1 Re-write these sentences as suggested. (10Pts)

1. I can't join the club because I don't have a membership card.  
I wish I \_\_\_\_\_
2. He was not able to attend the meeting last week.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
3. My brother doesn't live with us in this beautiful town.  
I wish my brother \_\_\_\_\_
4. What a pity! It didn't rain last year.  
Mr. Lawrence wishes \_\_\_\_\_
5. Mark didn't wake up early. So, he missed the train.  
Mark wishes \_\_\_\_\_
6. What a pity! I don't know how to solve this puzzle.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
7. I am sure. He will arrive late to the interview.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
8. What a pity! Sophie didn't go to the doctor earlier.  
Sophie wishes \_\_\_\_\_
9. My daughter saw a horrible film and therefore she had nightmares at night.  
I wish my daughter \_\_\_\_\_
10. I am sorry. I can't answer you now.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 2 Re-write these sentences as suggested. (5Pts)

1. My uncle didn't stay longer in Spain, and now he regrets it.  
My uncle wishes \_\_\_\_\_
2. I can't speak foreign languages.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. It's a pity! He sold his old computer yesterday.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
4. I can't help you because I don't have time.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
5. He had an accident because he didn't respect the red light.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_

### EXERCISE 3 Complete these sentences with the right form. (5Pts)

1. I insulted my friend while having an argument with him.  
I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend while having an argument with him.
2. I can't chat with you because I don't have the internet connection.  
If only I \_\_\_\_\_ the internet connection to chat with you.
3. I missed my friend's birthday party; so, he is now mad at me.  
If only I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend's birthday party.
4. Jack arrived late at the airport. Therefore, he missed his flight.  
Jack wishes he \_\_\_\_\_ late at the airport.
5. He couldn't help you because he didn't have money.  
If only he \_\_\_\_\_ money to help you.

- a- had insulted  
b- hadn't insulted
- a- had  
b- had had
- a- didn't miss  
b- had not missed
- a- had not arrived  
b- had arrived
- a- had  
b- had had