The verb “**Wish**”:

**Present Desire**:

**WISH + Simple past tense ()** that is a present desire that you have

*I’m overweight*:

I **WISH** **I WERE** (i was) THINNER (it’s a example of the subjunctive in English)-> *Desearía ser/estar más delgada /Yo deseo* Yo era más delgada

*I don’t know how to cook:*

I **wish** I **knew** how to cook -> *Ojalá supiera cómo cocinar*

*She can’t speak another language*:

She **wishes** She **could** **speak** another language -> *Ella desea poder hablar otra lengua.*

*She could in the simple past (*Present*: can ->*Past*: could ->* Past participle*: be able to)*

*I’d*-> could be (podría ser) I “*would”* or I “*had”*, “*would”* never be followed by the past participle, so you can tell if it’s “*had*”(could, should, would -> podría debería haría)

**Past Desire** :

**WISH + Past perfect tense** to express a ***regret*** -> lamentar

*I didn’t buy that car*:

I **wish** (in the present) **I’d (had) bought** it -> *Ojalá lo hubiera comprado*

*She espent so much money last year:*

She **wishes** she **hadn’t spent** so much money last year -> *Desearía no haber gastado tanto dinero*

*He didn’t come to he performance*:

He **wishes** **he’d come** to the performance -> *Ojalá hubiera venido a la actuación.*