

## ATTENTION

### Зверніть увагу!

В додаткових підрядних реченнях, що залежали від дієслова (*to wish*), вживається *Past Subjunctive* (снівпадає по формі з *Past Indefinite*) та *Past Perfect Subjunctive* (снівпадає по формі з *Past Perfect*)

I wish you **were** here.

- Я б хотів, щоб ти був тут.
- Шкода, що ти не тут.  
(Second Conditional)

I wish I **had not told** you the truth.

- Шкода, що я розповів вам правду. (Third Conditional)
- Добре було б, якби я не розповів вам правду.

I wish he **would agree** to go there.

- Я б хотів, щоб він погодився поїхати туди. (Would + Infinitive)

## Wishes

- ◆ We use the verb **wish** and the expression **if only** to express a wish. **If only** is more emphatic than **I wish**.

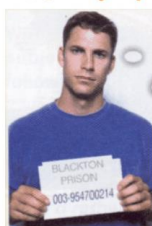
◆ **wish/if only + past simple/past continuous**

This structure is used when we want to say that we would like something to be different in the present.



*I wish/if only I didn't have to take the train to work every day.*

◆ **wish/if only + past perfect**



This structure is used to express regret that something happened or did not happen in the past.

*I wish/if only I hadn't stolen the motorbike.*

◆ **wish/if only + would**

This structure is used: a) for a polite imperative.  
b) to express our desire for a change in a situation or someone's behaviour.



*I wish you would pay more attention!*

*I wish/if only he wouldn't give me so much work.*



- ◆ After the subject pronouns **I** and **we**, we use **could** instead of **would**.

e.g. *I wish I could travel abroad.* (NOT: ~~I wish I would travel...~~)

**Note:** We can use **were** instead of **was** after **wish** or **if only**.

e.g. *I wish he were/was more careful.*

- 11 A: I wish I ..... (afford) some new CDs.  
B: Would you like to borrow some of mine?
- 12 A: If only it ..... (stop) raining.  
B: Yes. Then we could go for a walk.
- 13 A: Are you going to Joanne's party on Saturday?  
B: No. I wish I ..... (go), because I'm sure it will be fun.
- 14 A: I wish you ..... (help) with the housework more often.  
B: What would you like me to do?
- 15 A: I'm bored. I wish I ..... (arrange) to go out this evening.  
B: I'm going to the cinema. Why don't you come, too?

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Match the items in column A with those in column B to make complaints using **would/wouldn't**. Then, decide which person from the list is making each complaint.

shopkeeper, businessman, traffic warden, flight attendant, doctor, campsite owner, lifeguard

e.g. 1 - e ...'I wish my staff would get to work on time', says the businessman....

A	B
1 I wish my staff ...	a take their medication properly
2 If only drivers ...	b be more polite
3 I wish passengers ...	c not light fires in the forest
4 If only the customers ...	d park illegally
5 I wish campers ...	e get to work on time
6 If only patients ...	f follow the safety regulations
7 I wish bathers ...	g put their luggage in the lockers

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Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.

- 1 A: I wish Paul ...*would tell*... (tell) me what is wrong with him.  
B: Yes. He seems very upset, doesn't he?
- 2 A: I wish I ..... (not/shout) at the children like that.  
B: Why? They were being very naughty.
- 3 A: I wish you ..... (tidy) your room more often.  
B: Sorry. I'll try to.
- 4 A: I wish I ..... (practise) harder before the concert.  
B: I thought you performed very well.
- 5 A: If only Stuart ..... (call) me.  
B: Don't worry. I'm sure he'll phone soon.
- 6 A: I wish I ..... (be) back at school again.  
B: Those were great days, weren't they?
- 7 A: I wish Mark ..... (stop) playing his music so loudly.  
B: Why don't you ask him to turn it down?
- 8 A: If only I ..... (buy) those shoes we saw today.  
B: Why not go back and buy them tomorrow?
- 9 A: I wish you ..... (try) harder with your Maths homework.  
B: Sorry. I find it very difficult.
- 10 A: If only we ..... (go) to France last summer.  
B: We could go this year if you like.

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Fill in the gaps with an appropriate auxiliary verb.

- 1 I don't know many people, but I wish I ...*did*...
- 2 He can't drive, but he wishes he .....
- 3 We didn't move house, but we wish we .....
- 4 I'm not very wealthy, but I wish I .....
- 5 She probably won't help me, but I wish she .....
- 6 He hasn't got any pets, but he wishes he .....
- 7 They don't go out very often, but they wish they .....
- 8 He won't listen to my advice, but I wish he .....



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Look at the pictures and complete the wishes. Also make mixed conditional sentences, as in the example.

1



*I should have brought my umbrella.*

I wish *I had brought my umbrella.* (not / be / so wet)  
If I had brought my umbrella, I wouldn't be so wet now.

2



*I should have booked a room.*

I wish .....  
(have / somewhere to stay)  
.....

3



*I shouldn't have eaten so much chocolate.*

I wish .....  
(not feel / so ill)  
.....

4



*I shouldn't have touched the iron.*

I wish .....  
(my hand / not hurt so much)  
.....

5



*I should have got up earlier.*

I wish .....  
(not be / late now)  
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