**Wish + Past Verb**

We use the verb wish + the past verb to say that we regret something, or to say that something is not as we would like it to be.

Examples:

I wish I knew how use a computer. (The fact is I don't know how to use a computer, and I regret this)

They wish they had a bigger house. (The fact is they have a small house, and they regret it)

I wish it didn't rain so often here. (The fact is it rains a lot here, and I regret this)

The past simple here is an unreal past. We use it when we imagine an untrue situation. The verb is in the past, but the meaning is present.

More examples:

I don’t like this place. **I wish I lived** in somewhere more interesting.

**Everyone wishes they had** more free time.

**I wish I knew** how to improve my speaking skills.

After wish use were NOT was with all pronouns:

Examples:

I wish I **were** a millionaire! (The fact is I am not a millionaire)

My friend wishes she were slimmer. (The fact is she is fat)

I wish my parents **were** still alive. (The fact is they are dead now)

You can also use could after wish for future wishes:

Examples:

I don’t like my work. **I wish I could** get a better job. (The fact is I cannot get a better job)

I wish my parents could afford a new house. (The fact is they cannot afford a new house)

Also you can use would stop doing after wish to express annoyance:

Examples:

That’s a dreadful noise. **I wish they would** stop making noise.

I cannot go out because of the rain. I wish it would stop raining.

**Remember:**

'Wish + past verb' for present wishes.

'Wish + were' with all pronouns.

'Wish + could' for future wishes.

'Wish + would stop doing' for complaints or to express annoyance.

***Now go the examples in your book, and do the task.***