

## I WISH / IF ONLY

**IF ONLY** is more emphatic, it expresses a strong wish or deep regret.

### 1. I WISH / IF ONLY + PAST SIMPLE:

- It refers to a desired situation in the present or in the future:  
*I wish I had a car!*
- It expresses regret about a present situation, we want it to be different:  
*I wish you were here!*  
*I wish Susan were in love with me!*

### 2. I WISH / IF ONLY + PAST PERFECT

- To express regret that something happened or didn't happen in the past:  
*Oh, I'm tired, I wish I had gone to bed earlier last night!*  
*If only I had studied harder!*

### 3. I WISH / IF ONLY + WOULD + INF

- We use it when we want something to stop because it is an annoying situation:  
*I wish he would stop talking!*  
*I wish you wouldn't slam the door!*  
*That music is really loud. I wish they would turn it down!*

1. I can't travel around the world because I am not rich.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
2. My brother often leaves his clothes lying on the floor. I am fed up.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
3. Sue has to look after her little sister this afternoon, so she can't go to the party.  
Sue \_\_\_\_\_
4. It's a pity that I did not have any money to go to the concert.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
5. My parents don't let me go to parties. I am furious.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
6. Tom didn't pass his exams because he didn't work enough.  
Tom \_\_\_\_\_
7. Sally never tries to save any money. She is always broke.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
8. We can't go to the concert because we don't live in London.  
We \_\_\_\_\_
9. Paul is rather self-conscious because he isn't very tall.  
Paul \_\_\_\_\_
10. Peter had an accident because he didn't stop at the traffic lights.  
If only \_\_\_\_\_
11. You are always asking silly questions.  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_
12. Why don't those children stop making noise?  
I wish \_\_\_\_\_