

Wish Clauses

» We use 'wish' to talk about something that we want to be different in the **present or the future**. It's used for things which are impossible or very unlikely.

- I wish I had a red car. (I don't have a red car.)
- I wish I lived in a big city. (I don't live in a big city.)

Positive Form (+)				Negative Form (-)			
I	wish	I	simple past (V2) could + V1 would + V1	I	wish	I	Negative past (didn't V1) couldn't + V1 wouldn't + V1
You		you		You		you	
We		we		We		we	
They	wishes	they		They		they	
He		he		He		he	
She		she		She		she	
It		it		It		it	

» In formal English we use **WERE** instead of **WAS** with all subjects.

- I wish I were a singer. (I'm not a singer.)
- I wish I were rich. (I'm not rich.)

» We use 'wish' with 'could' to talk about things in the present or future that we want to be different. In this situation, '**could**' is the past simple of '**can**'.

- I wish I could speak English. (I can't speak English.)
- I wish I could swim. (I can't swim.)

1. Choose the correct options.

- I wish I **didn't** / **don't** have lots of homework. I'm so tired today.
- Hannah wishes it **is** / **were** hotter. She wants to swim.
- I wish I **speak** / **spoke** Spanish fluently.
- Jennifer wishes she **had** / **have** a new car. She doesn't have enough money for it.
- I wish my son **can** / **could** play a musical instrument.
- I wish my friends **were** / **did** here now.

2. Are these sentences correct (✓) or incorrect (X)? Rewrite the incorrect sentences.

☐ 1. These shoes are expensive. I wish they are cheaper.

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☐ 2. I love Istanbul. I wish I live here.

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☐ 3. He wishes he could fly like superman.

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☐ 4. I can't remember his number. I wish could remember it.

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☐ 5. I wish I know how to cook. I don't know it.

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☐ 6. I wish I had new shoes. They are old.

_____.

3. Read Brian's speech bubbles and write his wishes, using the words given.



I can't speak German.

I need to work today.

I am short and weak.

I can't drive a car.

I live in a small house.

I don't have time to read lots of books.

I don't have a lot of money.

My laptop is broken.

1. speak / German

Paul wishes _____.

2. be / tall and strong

Paul wishes _____.

3. live / big house

Paul wishes _____.

4. have / money

Paul wishes _____.

5. not / work

Paul wishes _____.

6. can / drive

Paul wishes _____.

7. have / more time

Paul wishes _____.

8. not / broken

Paul wishes _____.

4. Write Daisy's wishes using the phrases given.

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4.

5.

6.

7.



live in New York
✓

work long hours
✗

can travel more
✓

live in a small house
✗

can buy a new house
✓

have a better job
✓

be so shy
✗

IF CLAUSE TYPE 2 (Second Conditional)	
If + past simple (V2), »»»»»»»» would / could + V1	
<p>» We use the second conditional:</p> <p>to talk about unreal or imaginary situations in the present or future.</p> <p>» (We can use 'were' instead of 'was' with 'I' and 'he/she/it'. This is mostly done in formal writing).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If I had a lot of money, I would travel around the world. If I won the lottery, I would buy a big house. She would travel all over the world if she were rich.

5. Match the halves of the sentences.

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| 1 If I were a superhero | <input type="checkbox"/> | A I wouldn't miss the meeting. |
| 2 If I were a famous singer | <input type="checkbox"/> | B if I won the lottery. |
| 3 If I didn't get up late | <input type="checkbox"/> | C I could play basketball well. |
| 4 If I were taller | <input type="checkbox"/> | D if I studied more. |
| 5 I would buy a big house | <input type="checkbox"/> | E I would help all people. |
| 6 If I lived in Spain | <input type="checkbox"/> | F if I knew his number. |
| 7 I would call Martin | <input type="checkbox"/> | G I would give a lot of concerts. |
| 8 I would pass the exam | <input type="checkbox"/> | H I would speak Spanish well. |

6. Choose the correct options.

- You **would** / **will** lose weight if you ate less.
- They would **had** / **have** more money if they didn't buy so many clothes.
- If I **speak** / **spoke** perfect English, I would have a good job.
- She would be happier if she **had** / **has** more friends.
- If you **have** / **had** a better job, we would be able to buy a new car.
- If I had enough money, I **would buy** / **bought** a big house.
- If I **was** / **were** you, I would study more for the exams.
- We would go camping if it **didn't rain** / **rained**.
- I would try some extreme sports if they **weren't** / **wouldn't be** dangerous.
- If the dress were cheaper, I would **buy** / **bought** it.

7. Complete the sentences with the verbs in brackets using the Second Conditional.

1. We (come) to dinner if we (have) time.
2. If I (be) you, I (get) a new job.
3. If we (win) the lottery, we (travel) the world.
4. I (go) to the party if I (feel) well.
5. If I (not go) to bed late, I (not be) tired in the morning.
6. If my friends (be) here, I (not be) bored.
7. If Helen (have) some money, she (buy) a smartphone.
8. Betty (pass) her exams if she (study) enough.
9. If he (be) younger, he (travel) more.
10. I (run) away if I (see) a monster.

8. Rewrite the sentences using the Second Conditional.

1. I can't join the party because I don't have enough time during the weekend.
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2. Kate doesn't come to work on time, so her boss doesn't want to promote her.
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3. She has no money. She buys a lot of clothes.
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4. I eat a lot of cakes and sweets. I have put on weight.
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5. I don't study very much. I don't pass my exams.
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9. Choose the correct option.

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| 1 If I ---- superpowers, I would use them to help people.
A) were B) had C) have | 4 I wish people ---- more helpful.
A) were B) would C) are |
| 2 John could go abroad if his parents ---- some money to him.
A) gave B) given C) would give | 5 I wish I ---- have too much homework.
A) don't B) didn't C) shouldn't |
| 3 I wish I ---- play the piano well.
A) should B) can C) could | 6 I wish it ---- sunny today.
A) had B) didn't C) were |