

Exercise #1 - Using Wish in the Present

Remember to avoid using *was* with *wish*. Good luck.

1. John is poor. John wishes he (be/not) poor.
2. My apartment is small. I wish it (be) bigger.
3. She hates her job. She wishes she (have) a different one.
4. I can't sing. I wish I (can/sing).
5. I have to get up early for my job. I wish I (not/have to) get up early.
6. It's raining now. I wish it (not/rain).
7. I'm so tired. I wish I (sleep) now instead of working.
8. The students have a lot of homework. They wish they (not/have) homework.

Exercise #2 - Wishing Other People Do Things (Action or State Verbs)

Remember to only use *would* if it's a wish that the wisher wants **someone else** to do, and if the verb is an **action** verb.

1. My neighbour plays loud music. I wish he (turn) his music down. I've asked him to do so, but he won't listen. I wish he (listen).
2. Also, his dog barks all night. I wish the dog (not/bark) so much. I wish my neighbour (have) a pet fish, not a dog.
3. Yesterday, someone parked in my parking space. I wish people (not/park) in my spot. There's even a sign that says, "Reserved Parking". I wish people (read) the sign.
4. It's expensive and troublesome to have a car in the city. Sometimes I wish I (not/have) a car. However, public transit is not very convenient here. I wish the government (build) more subway lines.
5. English grammar is difficult sometimes. I wish it (be) easier.

Exercise #3 - Wishes in the Past

1. I didn't wake up on time. I wish I (wake) up on time.
2. Lisa arrived late. She wishes she (arrive) earlier.
3. He forgot to bring his passport. He wishes he (bring) it.
4. I painted my room black, but it looks terrible. I wish I (not/paint) it black.
5. There was too much salt in the soup. I wish the chef (use) less salt.
6. She told me the ending of the movie, so now I don't want to see it. I wish I (not/speak) to her.

Exercise #4 - Hope for Future Desires

1. I hope there (be) never a war again.
2. Tim hopes that he (get) a bicycle for Christmas.
3. I hope that it (not/rain) tonight.
4. Jenny hopes she (not/fail) her exam.
5. I hope I (see) you at the party tonight.