

# **WISH CLAUSES**

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WE USE

'I WISH'

TO EXPRESS

REGRET

OR

DISSATISFACTION

FOR THE **PRESENT AND FUTURE**

WE USE

**“I WISH” + PAST SIMPLE OR PAST CONTINUOUS**

*I wish I had more money*

*I wish I weren't working at this moment*

**FOR THE FUTURE**  
*showing that it is not likely to happen*

**WE USE**  
**“I WISH” + CONDITIONAL**

*I wish I would go to England next summer*

FOR THE **PAST**

WE USE

**“I WISH” + PAST PERFECT**

*I wish I had studied more for the exam*

*I wish I hadn't lied to my friend*

IF THE WISH IS A GOOD ONE

I HOPE + PRESENT SIMPLE OR WILL

*I hope you feel well*

*I hope the war will stop soon*

IF THE WISH IS ABOUT DOING  
SOMETHING DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE

I WISH I COULD...

*I wish you could hear it*  
*I wish I could pass this subject*

**WE CAN REPLACE I WISH  
WITH IF ONLY FOR EMPHASIS**

***If only I hadn't watched that film***

***If only I could speak English well***



## EXERCISES

<http://www.better-english.com/grammar/wish1.htm>

<http://www.better-english.com/grammar/wish2.htm>

<http://www.better-english.com/grammar/wishes.htm>

<http://www.english-grammar-lessons.com/wish/menu.php>

[http://www.imparareinglese.co.uk/esercizi\\_inglese.htm](http://www.imparareinglese.co.uk/esercizi_inglese.htm)

Finally, I wish this presentation helped you

