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## I wish /if only

There are three distinct types of *I wish / if only* sentences (\**If only* can be more **emphatic** than *I wish*):

- 1) **Wishes about the present or future** with the simple past.
- 2) **Regret with the past perfect.**
- 3) **Complaints with *would* + verb.**

- 1) **Expressing a wish:**

**Use:** To express a wish in the present or in the future. The simple past here is an unreal past.

Form: **If only / I wish + simple past**

e.g. If only I *knew* how to use a computer. (I don't know how to use a computer and I would like to learn how to use it)  
 -When you use the verb to be the form is "were". e.g. I wish I *were* a millionaire!

- 2) **Expressing a regret: Use:** To express a regret. The action is past.

Form: **If only / I wish + past perfect**

e.g. If only I *had woken up* early. (I didn't wake up early and I missed my bus.)

- 3) **Complaining: Use:** To complain about a behavior that you disapprove. Expressing impatience, annoyance or dissatisfaction with a present action.

Form: **If only / I wish + would+verb**

e.g. I wish you *wouldn't arrive* so late all the time.  
 (I'm annoyed because you always come late and I want you to arrive on time)

### Wishes about the present

We use wish with past Tense forms (simple and continuous) to express regret about present situations:

- I wish I *was* taller = (I'm not very tall)
- I wish I *was going* with you = (but I'm not)

I wish you *were* more help. = (you are not) *I wish I were* can replace *I wish I was*.  
 To many people, *I wish I were* sounds more correct: I wish *I were* taller.

We use wish with *could* to express a wish for a present situation to be different:

I wish I *could* use a computer well. (X I-wish-I-would-tell-her-about-it-) I wish I *could* tell her about it.

Task: Write the sentences:

1. I don't know the answer. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
2. I'm not good at sports. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
3. I'm not going with you. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
4. I can't give you an answer. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
5. Your talking irritates me. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_ (be quiet)
6. I didn't know you then. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
7. I wasn't able to explain that rule. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
8. You are constantly talking. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_ (stop)
9. They are arguing! → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_ (stop)
10. The car is going too slow. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_ (faster)
11. I took your advice. Now I regret it. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
12. She wasn't able to come. → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
13. I haven't got much money! → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_ (more)
14. Unfortunately, I'm not going on holiday with you! → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
15. You aren't here! What a shame! → *If only / I wish* \_\_\_\_\_
16. There is no sun! It's so gloomy. → *If only / I wish* the sun \_\_\_\_\_ (come out)!
17. I didn't listen to you. I regret it now. → *If only / I wish* the sun \_\_\_\_\_

23. You shouldn't have spoken so rudely to your father, you know.  
 (wish) \_\_\_\_\_
24. What a pity you didn't join us: it was a wonderful party.  
 I wish \_\_\_\_\_
25. What a shame she didn't leave her address!  
 (I wish) \_\_\_\_\_
26. He has started smoking again. How stupid!  
 I wish \_\_\_\_\_