



**I WISH**  
**DREAMS**



- What can you see in the image?
- What is the girl doing?
- If you could read her mind, what would you see? Write it down.

✓ I wish + Past Simple.

I wish (If only) + Past Simple	We use this structure to express a wish about a present situation which we want to be different.
<b>I wish you were here</b>	

*I wish + Past Simple.* For Instance:

**PRACTICE:**

1.-

A: Can you type?  
B: *No I can't. I wish I could. (Or: If only I could!)*

1 Is she flying? 2 Can you drive a car? 3 Do you know where we are? 4 Have you got a map? 5 Are your children with you? 6 Does he come straight home after work? 7 Are your students interested in languages? 8 Is it your weekend off? 9 Can you understand this notice? 10 Have you done your packing?	1.- No, She isn't. I wish she were 2.- No, I can't. I wish I could 3.- No, I don't. I wish I did / knew..... 4.- No, I don't. I wish I had 5.- No, They aren't. I wish they were 6.- No, he doesn't i wish he did/came ..... 7.- No, They aren't. I wish they were. 8.- No, it isn't. I wish it were. 9.- No, I can't I wish I could 10.- No, I haven't I wish I had
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## 2.- Now, it's all the opposite

A: Do they eat sweets between meals?

B: Yes, they do. I wish they didn't. (Or: If only they didn't.)

A: Need/Must you go?

B: Yes, I must. I wish I didn't have to.

1 Are your friends leaving tomorrow?

2 Does he smoke in bed?

3 Must you start tomorrow?

4 Are they selling their house?

5 Do they want to emigrate?

6 Have you signed the contract?

7 Is he going out tonight?

8 Do you need to appear in court?

9 Have you posted the letter?

10 Must you do the military service?

1.- Yes, they are. I wish they weren't.

2.- Yes, he does. I wish he didn't

3.- Yes, I must. I wish I didn't have to

4.- Yes, They are. I wish they weren't

5.- Yes, they do. I wish they didn't

6.- Yes, I have. I hadn't.

7.- Yes, he is . I wish he weren't

8.- Yes, I do. I wish I didn't

9.- Yes, I have, I wish I hadn't

10.-Yes, I must. I wish I didn't have to.

## 3.- Lucy doesn't like her new house. Write what she wishes.

1.-The house is so old and dirty

I wish it were newer an cleaner

2.- She has to paint it

I wish I didn't have to paint it

3.- The house doesn't have central heating.

I wish it had central heating

4.- The kitchen is very small

I wish the kitchen were bigger



5.- It is far away from the city centre

I wish it were closer to the city centre

6.- She must buy new furniture.

I wish I didn't have to buy new furniture

7.- Her neighbours yell all the time

I wish my neighbours didn't yell all the time

8.- There is no bus stop nearby.

I wish there were a bus stop nearby

## 4.- Jacob doesn't like at all the way he looks , mainly because it deprives him of many things. This is what he thinks about himself. Write what he wishes.

1.- I am very short (1.20 metres)

I wish I were taller

2.- I have hardly hair

I wish I had more hair

3.- I'm fat

I wish I were thinner

4.- I can't find clothes for men due to my size

I wish I could find clothes for men .....

5.- My face is round as a ball.

I wish my face weren't so round

6.- The girls of my height are 6 years old.

I wish the girls of my height were older

7.- I've got a beer belly.

I wish I didn't have a beer belly

8.- People have to kneel down to look me in the eyes.

I wish people didn't have to kneel down .....

9.- I can't do both things at the same time: keep my eyes open and smile.

I wish I could both keep my eyes open and smile at the same time





✓ Charlie the clown is sad, very sad. He feels miserable . Write what Charlie wishes.



- 1.- Very few people go to the circus.
- 2.- The children prefer the video games
- 3.- He is very poor.
- 4.- His jokes and remarks no longer make people laugh
- 5.- Children and adults don't believe in magic.
- 6.- He is getting very old.

**MORE PRACTICE**

✓ Write sentences with I wish ...

**Example:** *I don't know many people (and I'm lonely). I wish I knew more people*

- 1 I can't give up smoking (but I'd like to). I wish I .....
- 2 I haven't any cigarettes (and I need one). I wish .....
- 3 George isn't here (and I need him). I wish George .....
- 4 It's cold (and I hate cold weather). I wish .....
- 5 I live in London (and I hate London). I .....
- 6 Tina can't come to the party (she's your best friend). I .....
- 7 I have to work tomorrow (but I'd like to stay in bed). .....
- 8 I don't know anything about cars (and my car has just broken down).....
- 9 I'm not lying on a beautiful sunny beach (and that's a pity).....

✓ I WISH.- Translate the poem into Spanish and prepare your reading it loud in front of the group next class.

**I Wish**

I wish I could paint the sky green  
 I wish I could paint the ground blue  
 I wish I could make an ice sculpture  
 I wish I had a sculpture of you  
 I wish you were still there for me  
 I wish I could feel your touch  
 I wish that my life was easy and love was just enough  
 I wish I knew how to talk to you  
 I wish I knew where you were  
 I wish that maybe you'd call me and tell me this separation is absurd  
 I wish I knew what your feelings were  
 I wish I knew what you thought  
 I wish that you could hold me the way you did when you loved me  
 I wish I had your heart  
 I wish you hadn't crushed mine  
 I wish you were near me so I could look into your eyes  
 I wish I could paint the sky green  
 I wish I could paint the ground blue  
 But really, I wish you would love me the way that I love you.

✓Wishing Well.- These are the wishes Phil has. Write the wishes as Phil would express them:

1.- Live near the railway station → I wish I lived near the railway station



✓ I wish + Past Perfect.

I wish (If only) + Past Simple	We use this structure to express a wish about a past situation, so there's nothing to do about it, as it cannot be changed. In most of the cases to express REGRETS.
I wish you had studied hard	

**MY LIFE IS A MESS.**

My life has been a mess and there's no one to blame on it but me!. It's been my fault , so I can't complain at all about all my misfortunes. I deserve it, and right now I just can regret doing all I did. It wouldn't be fair to say that life has treated me bad.

Example: "I spent all my money on unnecessary and then I couldn't pay the mortgage"  
 → " I wish I hadn't spent all my money on unnecessary things"

- 1.- When I was a kid I beat my friends and as a result I lost them all.
- 2.- I lied to my parents , so they stopped trusting me.
- 3.- I was lazy and never did my homework; as a result I couldn't get my Secondary Education degree.
- 4.- I was very selfish; I didn't help my family and friends; therefore, nobody liked me.
- 5.- I was so rude to girls that they all rejected me.
- 6.- I was such a stingy teenager man that I didn't go on trips with my classmates.
- 7.- I got so hooked on the Internet that I didn't have any social life.
- 8.- I was so jealous of my girlfriend that my girlfriend left me in the end and ran away with my best friend.
- 9.- I was disrespectful to my boss and I got fired.
- 10.- I once drove my car completely drunk and I was withdrawn my licence.
- 11.- I married a compulsive gambler and I went bankrupt.
- 12.- I once hit a policeman and I got arrested and now I'm on police files
- 13.- I invested all of my savings in the stock market and now I'm broke.
- 14.- I was so noisy every night that my neighbours didn't stand me.
- 15.- I have always been so proud and arrogant that I didn't let anyone help me.
- 16.- I have always been so unreliable that people didn't take me seriously.
- 17.- I neglected my appearance so much that I always looked much older.
- 18.- My best friend asked me for help but I made an excuse and she 's no longer my friend
- 19.- I forgot to turn off the microwave oven and my house caught fire.
- 20.- I mistook petrol for olive oil and I had to be taken to hospital.

**EXAMPLE**

- 1.- a) IF I hadn't beaten my friends, I wouldn't have lost them.
- b) I wish I hadn't beaten my friends, as I wouldn't have lost them.
- c) I regret beating my friends, as I lost them because of that.



2.- I lied to my parents , so they stopped trusting me.

- If I hadn't lied to my parents , they wouldn't have stopped trusting me

- I wish I hadn't lied to my parents, as they wouldn't have stopped trusting me

- I regret lying to my parents, as they stopped trusting me because of that