



Mini Lesson 037 - Using 'Wish' for Unreal Past Situations

Explanation:

We use *wish* to express regret or a desire that something had been different in the past. These situations are unreal because they refer to things that did not happen but we wish they had.

Structure:

- Wish + Past Perfect

We use *wish* followed by the past perfect (had + past participle) to talk about things we regret in the past.

- Example: *I wish I had studied harder for the exam.* (I didn't study hard, and now I regret it.)

- Example: *She wishes she had gone to the party.* (She didn't go, but she regrets not going.)





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences using *wish* and the correct form of the verb in parentheses.

1. I _____ (pay) more attention in class last week.
2. She _____ (take) more pictures during her vacation.
3. They _____ (listen) to the advice their teacher gave them.
4. We _____ (not eat) so much at the party.
5. He _____ (tell) me the truth about what happened.
6. You _____ (bring) your umbrella; it's raining now.
7. I _____ (go) to bed earlier last night.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the following sentences using *wish* to express regret.

1. I didn't save my money, and now I can't afford the trip.
2. She didn't learn how to swim, and now she's scared of the water.
3. We didn't arrive on time, and we missed the concert.
4. He didn't ask for help, and now he's struggling.
5. They didn't bring enough food to the picnic, and now everyone is hungry.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Option

Choose the correct form to complete the sentences.

1. I wish I _____ (had/have) taken more notes during the lecture.
2. She wishes she _____ (did/had) studied harder for the exam.
3. We wish we _____ (bought/had bought) tickets earlier; the concert is sold out now.
4. He wishes he _____ (had/have) gone to the meeting yesterday.
5. They wish they _____ (have/had) seen the movie in the theater.

Section 4: Complete the Sentences

Finish the sentences with your own ideas using *wish*.

1. I wish I had _____.
2. She wishes she had _____.
3. They wish they had _____.
4. We wish we had _____.
5. He wishes he had _____.





Answers:

Section 1:

1. I *wish I had paid* more attention in class last week.
2. She *wishes she had taken* more pictures during her vacation.
3. They *wish they had listened* to the advice their teacher gave them.
4. We *wish we hadn't eaten* so much at the party.
5. He *wishes he had told* me the truth about what happened.
6. You *wish you had brought* your umbrella; it's raining now.
7. I *wish I had gone* to bed earlier last night.

Section 2:

1. I *wish I had saved* my money, and now I can't afford the trip.
2. She *wishes she had learned* how to swim, and now she's scared of the water.
3. We *wish we had arrived* on time, and we missed the concert.
4. He *wishes he had asked* for help, and now he's struggling.
5. They *wish they had brought* enough food to the picnic, and now everyone is hungry.

Section 3:

1. I wish I *had* taken more notes during the lecture.
2. She wishes she *had* studied harder for the exam.
3. We wish we *had bought* tickets earlier; the concert is sold out now.
4. He wishes he *had* gone to the meeting yesterday.
5. They wish they *had* seen the movie in the theater.

Section 4:

1. I wish I had *studied harder for the test*.
2. She wishes she had *gone to the party*.
3. They wish they had *visited more countries during their trip*.
4. We wish we had *brought more snacks to the road trip*.
5. He wishes he had *told her how he felt before she moved away*.

