



Mini Lesson 066 - Expressing Regret with 'Wish'

The word "wish" is used to express regret about something that is not true or is different from reality. We often use "wish" to talk about situations we would like to change or events we would like to happen differently.

Structure:

1. We use "wish" followed by the past simple tense to express a desire for a different present situation.

- Example: I wish I had a bigger house. (But I don't.)

2. We use "wish" followed by the past perfect tense to express regret about a past action.

- Example: I wish I had studied harder for the exam. (But I didn't study hard enough.)

3. We can also use "wish" with "would" to express a desire for someone else to change their behavior.

- Example: I wish you would stop talking during the movie. (But you keep talking.)





Exercises:

Section 1: Fill in the Blanks

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

1. I wish I _____ (have) more time to play outside.
2. She wishes she _____ (be) taller.
3. They wish they _____ (not move) to another city last year.
4. He wishes he _____ (study) harder for his tests.
5. We wish it _____ (not rain) tomorrow.
6. I wish my friends _____ (come) to my birthday party.
7. She wishes she _____ (take) the opportunity when she had it.

Section 2: Rewrite the Sentences

Rewrite the sentences using "wish."

1. I don't like my job.
- I wish I _____ my job.
2. They didn't finish the project on time.
- They wish they _____ the project on time.
3. You talk too loudly in class.
- I wish you _____ in class.
4. We missed the concert last night.
- We wish we _____ the concert last night.
5. He is not good at math.
- He wishes he _____ better at math.





Section 3: Choose the Correct Form

Circle the correct form of "wish" to complete each sentence.

1. I wish I (had/have) a pet dog.
2. She wishes she (would/will) be more organized.
3. They wish they (hadn't/had) gone to that party.
4. He wishes you (would/will) listen to him.
5. We wish it (was/were) summer all year round.

Section 4: Complete the Dialogue

Complete the conversation using the correct form of "wish."

A: I wish I _____ (know) how to play the guitar!

B: Me too! I wish I _____ (learn) when I was younger.

A: I wish my parents _____ (buy) me one!

B: And I wish my friends _____ (play) with me!





Answers:

Section 1:

1. had
2. were
3. hadn't moved
4. had studied
5. wouldn't rain
6. would come
7. had taken

Section 2:

1. liked
2. had finished
3. wouldn't talk
4. hadn't missed
5. were

Section 3:

1. had
2. would
3. hadn't
4. would
5. were

Section 4:

1. knew
2. had learned
3. would buy
4. would play

