



# **WISHES AND REGRETS**

I WISH / IF ONLY

# 1. EXPRESSING WISHES ABOUT THE PRESENT

## **I wish / If only + Past Simple**

*e.g. I wish it weren't raining.*

*e.g. If only it weren't raining.*

*e.g. I wish I didn't have so much work.*

*e.g. If only I didn't have so much work.*

## 2. EXPRESSING WISHES ABOUT THE PAST

### **I wish / If only + Past Perfect**

*e.g. I wish I had gone to the party.*

*e.g. If only I had gone to the party.*

*e.g. I wish I had studied harder.*

*e.g. If only I had studied harder*

### 3. WISHES DIRECTED AT SOMEONE ELSE

#### **I wish / If only + would**

*e.g. I wish you would arrive on time.*

*e.g. If only you would arrive on time.*

*e.g. I wish they would turn down the music.*

*e.g. If only they would turn down the music.*

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PRESENT

PAST

SOMEBODY  
ELSE

I WISH / IF ONLY  
+ PAST SIMPLE

I WISH / IF ONLY  
+ PAST PERFECT

I WISH / IF ONLY  
+ WOULD