

Wish and If Only – Test 1

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Choose the correct option (A, B, C or D) for each question.

Part 1: Wishes about the present

Choose the option that best completes each sentence or answers the question.

- I don't have a car, so I take the bus everywhere. I wish I _____ a car.
A had B have C would have D had had
- I can't go outside without three jumpers. I wish it _____ so cold today.
A isn't B won't be C wasn't D hasn't been
- If only I _____ speak Japanese. Then I could talk to my host family properly.
A can B will C would D could
- Mia spends two hours a day travelling to her office. She wishes she _____ closer to work.
A lives B lived C would live D has lived
- In formal English: I wish I _____ a little taller.
A am B be C would be D were
- Which sentence is correct?
A I wish I know the answer. B I wish I would know the answer.
C I wish I knew the answer. D I wish I had know the answer.
- "I wish I didn't have to work this weekend." What does the speaker mean?
A The speaker doesn't have to work this weekend.
B The speaker has to work this weekend and isn't happy about it.
C The speaker worked last weekend and regrets it.
D The speaker is hoping to get some work this weekend.
- My phone dies every afternoon. I wish the battery _____ so quickly.
A doesn't run out B won't run out C hadn't run out D didn't run out
- Do you ever wish you _____ in a different country?
A live B lived C would live D have lived
- I _____ you have a great time at the party tonight!
A wish B wished C hope D would wish

Part 2: Regrets about the past

Choose the option that best completes each sentence or answers the question.

- I failed my driving theory test. I wish I _____ harder.
A had studied B studied C would study D have studied

12. If only we _____ the earlier train! We missed the start of the film.
A caught **B** would catch **C** have caught **D** had caught
13. I feel terrible. I wish I _____ that third slice of cake.
A didn't eat **B** wouldn't eat **C** hadn't eaten **D** haven't eaten
14. Find the error: "I wish I would have listened to your advice."
A wish **B** would have listened
C to **D** your advice
15. "If only I had told her the truth." What does the speaker mean?
A The speaker didn't tell her the truth and regrets it.
B The speaker told her the truth and regrets it.
C The speaker is going to tell her the truth.
D The speaker often tells her the truth.
16. A: "I didn't go to Lucy's party, and everyone says it was amazing." B: "_____"
A You must wish you went. **B** You must wish you would go.
C You must wish you had gone. **D** You must wish you have gone.
17. I wish I _____ to the concert last night, but I was ill in bed.
A could go **B** can have gone **C** could have gone **D** could had gone
18. I wish I _____ that job offer last year. I'd be living in Paris now.
A had taken **B** took **C** would take **D** have taken
19. Which sentence is correct?
A She wishes she didn't sell her old guitar last year.
B She wishes she wouldn't have sold her old guitar.
C She wishes she hasn't sold her old guitar.
D She wishes she hadn't sold her old guitar.
20. Looking back, is there anything you wish you _____ differently at school?
A did **B** have done **C** would do **D** had done

Part 3: Wish + would, mixed forms and errors

Choose the option that best completes each sentence, answers the question or identifies the error.

21. My neighbour plays loud music every night. I wish he _____ it down.
A turns **B** will turn **C** would turn **D** had turned
22. I wish you _____ interrupting me when I'm talking!
A would stop **B** stop **C** will stop **D** had stopped
23. Which sentence is NOT correct?
A I wish I were rich. **B** I wish I would be rich.
C I wish my brother would call more often. **D** I wish it would stop snowing.
24. Find the error: "If only my sister doesn't borrow my clothes without asking."
A If only **B** my sister
C doesn't borrow **D** my clothes without asking

25. "I wish you wouldn't leave your shoes in the hall." What does the speaker mean?
- A** The listener never leaves shoes in the hall.
 - B** The speaker is planning to buy new shoes.
 - C** The speaker regrets leaving shoes in the hall once.
 - D** The speaker is annoyed because the listener often leaves shoes there.
26. I wish I _____ so tired right now. I've got so much to do.
- A** am not
 - B** wasn't
 - C** wouldn't be
 - D** hadn't been
27. If only I _____ remember where I parked the car!
- A** could
 - B** can
 - C** would
 - D** had
28. If only I _____ my passport at home, we'd be on the plane now.
- A** didn't leave
 - B** wouldn't leave
 - C** haven't left
 - D** hadn't left
29. "It's a pity I can't come to your wedding." = "I wish _____ to your wedding."
- A** I can come
 - B** I would come
 - C** I could come
 - D** I had come
30. "I regret not saving more money when I was younger." = "If only _____ more money when I was younger."
- A** I saved
 - B** I had saved
 - C** I would save
 - D** I have saved

Answer key – Wish and If Only – Test 1

1 A	2 C	3 D	4 B	5 D	6 C	7 B	8 D	9 B	10 C
11 A	12 D	13 C	14 B	15 A	16 C	17 C	18 A	19 D	20 D
21 C	22 A	23 B	24 C	25 D	26 B	27 A	28 D	29 C	30 B

Explanations

- A** – For a present situation we want to be different, we use wish + past simple.
- C** – A wish about a present situation takes the past simple, here the negative 'wasn't'.
- D** – For a present ability we wish we had, we use 'could' after if only.
- B** – A present state takes wish + past simple, and 'wish + would' is not used about yourself.
- D** – In formal English, 'were' is used for all persons after wish.
- C** – A present wish uses the past simple 'knew'; 'had know' is a wrong form.
- B** – Wish + past simple shows that the real present situation is the opposite: the speaker has to work.
- D** – For a present situation we use the past simple negative, 'didn't run out'.
- B** – In questions, a present wish still takes the past simple after wish.
- C** – For something that may really happen, we use hope + present, not wish.
- A** – For a past regret we use wish + past perfect.
- D** – If only + past perfect expresses regret about something in the past.
- C** – Regret about a past action takes the past perfect negative, 'hadn't eaten'.
- B** – After wish we use the past perfect 'had listened', not 'would have listened'.
- A** – If only + past perfect means the opposite happened: the truth was not told.
- C** – The party is in the past, so the regret needs wish + past perfect.
- C** – For a past ability or chance we missed, we use wish + could have + past participle.
- A** – The decision was in the past, so we use the past perfect, even though the result is in the present.
- D** – A past regret takes wish + past perfect: 'hadn't sold'.
- D** – School is in the past here, so the question uses wish + past perfect.
- C** – Wish + would is used when we want someone else to change their behaviour.
- A** – Wish + would expresses annoyance at someone's repeated behaviour.
- B** – We don't use wish + would about ourselves; we say 'I wish I were rich'.
- C** – To complain about someone's habit we use 'wouldn't borrow', not a present tense.
- D** – Wish + wouldn't shows irritation about someone's repeated behaviour.
- B** – 'Right now' shows a present state, so we use wish + past simple.
- A** – For a present ability we lack, if only is followed by 'could'.
- D** – Leaving the passport happened in the past, so we need the past perfect.
- C** – 'Can' in a present situation becomes 'could' after wish.
- B** – A regret about the past is expressed with if only + past perfect.

Notes for teachers: Use Part 1 for present wishes, Part 2 for past regrets and Part 3 for mixed practice and error spotting, either as a whole test or as separate warm-ups. The test targets frequent B2 errors: using present tenses after wish, *I wish I would*, *wish + would have* instead of the past perfect, and confusing wish with hope. As a follow-up, ask students to write three wishes about their present life and three regrets about the past, then swap and correct each other's sentences.