

WISHES AND REGRETS

RULE 1

To say you are sorry (=you regret) a present situation:

WISH + PAST SIMPLE

- I've got a bad job.
I wish I had a good job.
- He's really untidy.
I wish he wasn't so untidy.

RULE 2

To say you are sorry (=you regret) a past action or situation:

WISH + PAST PERFECT

- She didn't give me her phone number.
I wish she had given me her phone number.
- I'm sorry that I said that.
I wish I hadn't said that.

RULE 3

- To say you want another person to do (or not to do) something, often because you're annoyed:

WISH + PERSON + WOULD

- He's late. I want him to come now!
I wish he would come soon.
- You're playing your music too loud. It's annoying me.
I wish you wouldn't play your music so loudly.
- To say you want something to happen:

WISH + WOULD

- It's raining so much!
I wish it would stop raining.
- It's too hot!
I wish it would improve.

PRACTICE



REGRETS

1. I wish I was/ were in Italy now!
2. I wish it would stop raining!
3. I wish I'd brought the washing in!
4. I wish I could afford a holiday this year!
5. I wish my husband would wash his own shirts!
6. I wish I hadn't moved to Britain.