

I wish and if only Exercise

There are three distinct types of **I wish / if only** sentences:-

- 1 - **Regrets** *with the PAST PERFECT* (the third conditional)
I wish I hadn't got so angry.
- 2 - **Wanting change** *for the present or future with the PAST SIMPLE*
I wish I had enough money to go to Mozambique this summer.
- 3 - **Complaints** *with WOULD + INFINITIVE*
I wish you wouldn't arrive so late all the time.

Fill the gaps using the verbs in brackets.

Regrets

- 1 I wish I drunk and kissed Samantha. (get NEGATIVE)
- 2 I wish it so much. The garden's turned to mud. (rain NEGATIVE)
- 3 If only I there, I wouldn't have got a fine. (park NEGATIVE)

Wanting change

- 4 If only I more time for my hobbies. (have)
- 5 I wish it more often in Valencia. (rain)
- 6 I wish I to go to your nephew's wedding. (have NEGATIVE)

Complaints

- 7 I wish you so much. You're a complete idiot when you're drunk. (drink NEGATIVE)
- 8 If only it The garden's as dry as a bone. (rain)
- 9 I wish Samantha her hair more often. It looks so greasy all the time. (wash)

Mixed

- 10 I wish you so horrible to your brother. He's a really nice bloke. (be NEGATIVE)
- 11 I wish the council that beautiful old house. It was part of the town's heritage. (demolish NEGATIVE)
- 12 If only I the money to go to Jon's wedding in The States. (have)
- 13 I wish I her she'd put on weight. She hates me now. (tell NEGATIVE)
- 14 I wish you to your mother like that. (speak NEGATIVE)
- 15 If only we a Hewlett Packard printer. The cartridges are so expensive. (buy NEGATIVE)
- 16 I wish Jorge so fast. It's only a matter of time before he kills someone. (drive NEGATIVE)

Answers

- 1 I wish I hadn't got drunk and kissed Samantha.
- 2 I wish it hadn't rained so much. The garden's turned to mud.
- 3 If only I hadn't parked there, I wouldn't have got a fine.
- 4 If only I had more time for my hobbies.
- 5 I wish it rained more often in Valencia.
- 6 I wish I didn't have to go to your nephew's wedding.
- 7 I wish you wouldn't drink so much. You're a complete idiot when you're drunk.
- 8 If only it would rain. The garden's as dry as a bone.
- 9 I wish Samantha would wash her hair more often. It looks so greasy all the time.
- 10 I wish you weren't so horrible to your brother. He's a really nice bloke.
- 11 I wish the council hadn't demolished that beautiful old house. It was part of the town's heritage.
- 12 If only I had the money to go to Jon's wedding in The States.
- 13 I wish I hadn't told her she'd put on weight. She hates me now.
- 14 I wish you wouldn't speak to your mother like that.
- 15 If only we hadn't bought a Hewlett Packard printer. The cartridges are so expensive.
- 16 I wish Jorge wouldn't drive so fast. It's only a matter of time before he kills someone.