

## ***“I wish” and “if only”***

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

1 - REGRETS with the PAST PERFECT (the third conditional) e.g. I wish I hadn't got so angry.

2 - WANTING CHANGE FOR THE PRESENT OR FUTURE with the PAST SIMPLE e.g. I wish I had enough money to go to Mozambique this summer.

3 - COMPLAINTS with WOULD + INFINITIVE e.g. I wish you wouldn't arrive so late all the time.

### **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)