# Wish and If Only — Worksheet

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

*Choose the correct option (a–d) for each gap or question. Check yourself with the answer key on the last page.*

1. I wish I _____ a bigger kitchen. This one is far too small.
   a) have b) had c) would have d) will have

2. I wish I _____ so far from work — I spend three hours a day on the train.
   a) don't live b) wouldn't live c) hadn't lived d) didn't live

3. I wish I _____ play the piano as well as my sister does.
   a) could b) can c) would d) will

4. I wish I _____ to Maya's party last night — everyone says it was great.
   a) went b) had gone c) have gone d) would go

5. I wish I _____ so much cake at lunch today — now I feel sick.
   a) didn't eat b) haven't eaten c) hadn't eaten d) wouldn't eat

6. If only it _____ the weekend already! I'm so tired of work.
   a) is b) were c) will be d) has been

7. I wish you _____ stop leaving your wet towels on the bathroom floor.
   a) would b) will c) can d) should

8. If only I _____ my umbrella this morning! I'm completely soaked.
   a) brought b) have brought c) would bring d) had brought

9. Do you ever wish you _____ in a different country?
   a) lived b) live c) would live d) will live

10. I wish the bus _____ — we've been waiting for half an hour.
    a) will come b) comes c) would come d) is coming

11. Sorry, I don't know where your keys are. I wish I _____.
    a) do b) would c) will d) did

12. We didn't take any photos on our trip. Now I wish we _____ some.
    a) take b) have taken c) had taken d) would take

13. My brother always borrows my things without asking. I wish he _____ me first.
    a) asks b) will ask c) has asked d) would ask

14. My phone's battery dies by lunchtime. I wish it _____ longer.
    a) lasted b) lasts c) will last d) has lasted

**15.** If only we _____ the tickets when they were cheap! Now they cost twice as much.

a) bought b) had bought c) have bought d) would buy

**16.** I wish I _____ taller — I can never reach the top shelf.

a) am b) would be c) will be d) were

**17.** I told Sam about the surprise party, and he told everyone. I wish I _____ anything.

a) don't say b) haven't said c) hadn't said d) wouldn't say

**18.** I _____ I lived closer to the sea — I'd go swimming every day.

a) wish b) hope c) will hope d) am hoping

**19.** If only you _____ to me for once! I'm trying to help.

a) listen b) will listen c) would listen d) have listened

**20.** Good luck with your driving test tomorrow! I _____ you pass.

a) hope b) wish c) wished d) will wish

**21.** I wish I _____ French now. I wish I _____ it at school.

a) had spoken … studied b) speak … had studied c) spoke … have studied d) spoke … had studied

**22.** I _____ the weather is nice for your trip, but I _____ I were coming too.

a) wish … hope b) hope … wish c) hope … hope d) wish … wish

**23.** I wish it _____ raining, and I wish I _____ an umbrella with me.

a) would stop … would have b) will stop … had c) stops … have d) would stop … had

**24.** I wish I _____ to your concert last Saturday, but I was ill.

a) could come b) could have come c) can come d) would come

**25.** I wish I _____ drive, and I wish you _____ complaining about it.

a) would … would stop b) can … would stop c) could … would stop d) could … will stop

**26.** Which sentence is correct?

a) I wish I didn't sell my old guitar last year.
b) I wish I haven't sold my old guitar last year.
c) I wish I hadn't sold my old guitar last year.
d) I wish I wouldn't sell my old guitar last year.

**27.** Which sentence is correct?

a) I wish you have a great trip next week.
b) I hope you have a great trip next week.
c) I hope you had a great trip next week.
d) I wish you will have a great trip next week.

**28.** Which sentence is correct?

a) I wish I knew how to cook.
b) I wish I would know how to cook.
c) I wish I know how to cook.
d) I wish I will know how to cook.

**29.** Which sentence is correct?

a) I wish my boss will give me more feedback.
b) I wish my boss gives me more feedback.
c) I wish my boss would gives me more feedback.
d) I wish my boss would give me more feedback.

**30.** Which reply is correct?

a) Can you come tomorrow? — No, but I wish I can.
b) Can you come tomorrow? — No, but I wish I could.
c) Can you come tomorrow? — No, but I wish I would.
d) Can you come tomorrow? — No, but I hope I could.

# Answer Key

Wish and If Only · Explanations are shortened — the full interactive version is at gramvoy.com/exercises/wish-if-only/

**1. b) had**

This one is far too small describes now, and a wish about now moves…

**2. d) didn't live**

You still spend three hours a day travelling, so this is a wish about…

**3. a) could**

Ability you don't have takes could after wish: I wish I could play.

**4. b) had gone**

Last night puts the wish in the past, so it takes the past perfect: I…

**5. c) hadn't eaten**

The cake was eaten earlier today, so the regret takes the past perfect:…

**6. b) were**

If only works like wish: a present situation takes the past simple, and…

**7. a) would**

You want another person to change an annoying habit, so wish + would +…

**8. d) had brought**

Leaving the umbrella at home was a mistake this morning, in the past,…

**9. a) lived**

A wish about your life now takes the past simple, in a question too: Do…

**10. c) would come**

You want something you can't control to happen now, so wish + would +…

**11. d) did**

The fact is I don't know — present and negative — so the wish turns it…

**12. c) had taken**

The photos weren't taken on the trip, in the past, so the regret takes…

**13. d) would ask**

Your brother's habit annoys you and you want him to change it, so wish…

**14. a) lasted**

The short battery life is a present fact you'd like to change, so the…

**15. b) had bought**

The chance was in the past (when they were cheap), so If only + past…

**16. d) were**

Your height is a present fact, so wish + past simple — with be, were…

**17. c) hadn't said**

You told Sam in the past and are sorry, so the wish turns the fact…

**18. a) wish**

Lived is a past form for a present situation that isn't true, so the…

**19. c) would listen**

For once shows you want the other person to change their behaviour now,…

**20. a) hope**

Passing tomorrow is really possible, so hope + present: I hope you pass.

**21. d) spoke … had studied**

Now makes the first a wish about the present: past simple spoke.

**22. b) hope … wish**

Nice weather is possible, so hope + present (is).

**23. d) would stop … had**

Rain is something you want to stop but can't control: would stop.

**24. b) could have come**

The concert was last Saturday, so a wish about past ability takes could…

**25. c) could … would stop**

Ability you don't have takes could; another person's annoying behaviour…

**26. c) I wish I hadn't sold my old guitar last year.**

Last year is in the past, so the regret takes the past perfect: I wish…

**27. b) I hope you have a great trip next week.**

A great trip next week is possible, so hope + present: I hope you have……

**28. a) I wish I knew how to cook.**

Not knowing how to cook is a present fact, so wish + past simple: I…

**29. d) I wish my boss would give me more feedback.**

You want another person to change what they do, so wish + would + base…

**30. b) Can you come tomorrow? — No, but I wish I could.**

The fact is I can't come, so the wish turns it round with could: I wish…