

WISH & IF ONLY

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Complete questions, write detailed answers and form questions of your own.

EXAMPLE

Question: What do you **wish you had done** differently?

Answer: I **wish I'd asked** for help sooner. The task took much longer than I expected.

Remember: Wish + past form: now. Wish + past perfect: past regret. Wish + would: desired behaviour change.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Complete the questions using the grammar cues. Write full answers with a relevant detail.

1. What ability do you wish you _____? (have; now)

Answer: _____

2. What do you wish you _____ earlier? (start; past)

Answer: _____

3. What do you wish people _____ doing? (would stop)

Answer: _____

4. What do you wish you _____ so much time on? (not spend; past)

Answer: _____

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

Put the words in order. Write each question. Start with a capital letter and add ?.

1. else / wish / you / you / somewhere / do / lived

2. wish / had / what / do / at / you / school / you / learned

3. your / quieter / would / do / you / neighbours / be / wish

Try it: Ask your partner the questions in B. Ask one follow-up of your own.

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Answer key | Keep this page separate during student practice.

A. COMPLETE AND ANSWER

Target forms and model answers are shown below. Personal answers will vary.

1. had - What ability do you wish you had?

Sample answer: I wish I had a better memory for names because I meet new people at work.

2. had started - What do you wish you had started earlier?

Sample answer: I wish I'd started saving earlier, because travelling costs more than I expected.

3. would stop - What do you wish people would stop doing?

Sample answer: I wish people would stop playing videos aloud on public transport.

4. hadn't spent - What do you wish you hadn't spent so much time on?

Sample answer: I wish I hadn't spent so much time worrying about that exam.

B. WRITE THE QUESTIONS

1. Do you wish you lived somewhere else?

2. What do you wish you had learned at school?

3. Do you wish your neighbours would be quieter?

TEACHER NOTES

For A4 accept had not spent. Would generally concerns behaviour/change, not a neutral present-state wish.

Accept correct full forms and contractions. Check that answers match the question.

Encourage one relevant detail; check word order, capitals and question marks in B.