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Basics. Wish Clauses for Present and Future

Medium | B1 | Intermediate | B2 | Upper Intermediate | Clause | Conditional sentence | Modal verb | Negation | Past tense | Subjunctive mood | Verb | Verb mood | Verb tense | Progressive tense | Simple tense

1. Read the traveler's complaint and choose the correct verb to complete their thought.

Wedged into the middle seat of a tiny airplane, Marcus looked at his knees touching his chin and sighed, "I really wish I ___ just a bit shorter."

Select one.

A) am
B) would be
C) were
D) had been

2. Complete the thoughts of an office worker who is daydreaming on a sunny Friday afternoon by dragging the right verb forms to the gaps.

I wish I _____ on a beach right now instead of looking at these boring spreadsheets.
I really wish my boss _____ us leave early on beautiful sunny days like this.
Most of all, I wish we _____ surfing this weekend, but I have too much paperwork to finish!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

A) were relaxing
B) am relaxing
C) relax

Blank 2

A) would let
B) will let
C) lets

Blank 3

A) could go
B) can go
C) could have gone

3. Help the exhausted college student express her frustration by choosing the correct phrase.

Sarah stared blankly at the ceiling at 2:00 AM. "I love my roommate," she muttered, "but I wish she ___ practicing the bagpipes in the middle of the night!"

Select one.

A) stops
B) will stop
C) would stop
D) had stopped

4. Help the frustrated college student complete his diary entry about his terrible roommate by dragging the correct verbs into the blanks.

I wish our apartment _____ a bit bigger so we wouldn't be in each other's way all the time.
I also wish my roommate _____ his dirty dishes more than once a month!
Finally, I wish he _____ how to use a vacuum cleaner, because the living room carpet is a disaster.

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** were
- **B)** is
- **C)** will be

Blank 2

- **A)** would wash
- **B)** washes
- **C)** will wash

Blank 3

- **A)** knew
- **B)** knows
- **C)** can know

5. Complete the exhausted college student's text message to her mom by selecting the correct verb forms.

"I wish my dorm room _____ a bit larger so I wouldn't keep tripping over my laundry basket. More importantly, I wish my roommate _____ practicing the tuba at midnight!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** were
- **B)** is
- **C)** would be

Blank 2

- **A)** would stop
- **B)** will stop
- **C)** stops

6. Help the bored student express his daydream. Select ALL the grammatically correct thoughts that apply!

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I wish I were sitting on a sunny beach right now.
- **B)** I wish the professor didn't speak so monotonously.
- **C)** I wish I am sitting on a sunny beach right now.
- **D)** I wish the professor doesn't speak so monotonously.

7. Fill in the blanks to complete the frustrated commuter's thoughts during a terrible traffic jam.

"I wish the car in front of me _____ faster! I really wish I _____ how to fly a helicopter right now so I could just float over this mess."

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** would move
- **B)** moves
- **C)** will move

Blank 2

- **A)** knew
- **B)** know
- **C)** would know

8. Help the regretful time traveler complete his survival log in the Middle Ages by dragging the correct words into the blanks.

I wish this damp castle _____ indoor plumbing instead of a muddy moat.
I also wish the local dragon _____ trying to barbecue my horse every morning.
More than anything, I wish I _____ how to fix my broken time machine so I could finally go home!

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** had
- **B)** has
- **C)** would have

Blank 2

- **A)** would stop
- **B)** stops
- **C)** will stop

Blank 3

- **A)** knew
- **B)** know
- **C)** would know

9. Choose the best verb forms to complete the diner's internal monologue at a highly intimidating, extremely expensive restaurant.

"I wish I _____ French, because everything on this menu is a total mystery. I also wish my wallet _____ thick enough to pay for whatever I just ordered!"

Choose the correct option for each gap.

Blank 1

- **A)** could read
- **B)** can read
- **C)** would read

Blank 2

- **A)** were
- **B)** is
- **C)** will be

10. Complete the commuter's daydream with the grammatically correct option.

Stuck in gridlock traffic for the third time this week, David tapped the steering wheel and thought, "I wish I ___ teleport directly to the office."

Select one.

- **A)** can
- **B)** will
- **C)** would
- **D)** could

11. Help the busy employee politely decline her friend's weekend trip invitation. Select ALL the grammatically correct sentences she could use to express her regrets.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I wish I could join you for the trip tomorrow.
- **B)** I wish I didn't have to work all weekend.
- **C)** I wish I can join you for the trip tomorrow.
- **D)** I wish I don't have to work all weekend.

12. Read the frustrated roommate's sticky note. Choose ALL the valid options that correctly express her annoyance and desire for future change.

Select all that apply.

- **A)** I wish you would wash your dishes for once!
- **B)** I wish you wouldn't leave your dirty plates on the sofa.
- **C)** I wish you will wash your dishes for once!
- **D)** I wish you don't leave your dirty plates on the sofa.