WISH CLAUSES

GRAMMAR SECTION

PRESENT

... wish(es) + subject + past simple

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Examples:

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- She wishes she had a bigger house.
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... wish(es) + subject + past perfect

We form wish clause using past perfect to express our regrets about the past situations.

Examples:

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- Fanny wishes she had studied Physics at university.
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FUTURE

... wish(es) + subject + would

We form wish clauses using would to express our wishes for the future.

Examples:

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- My mother wishes I would become an engineer when I grow up.
- He wishes his girlfriend would accept his marriage proposal.

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE CORRECT FORMS OF THE VERBS IN BRACKETS

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13. Michael wishes his father (give) him £100 for the school trip next month.
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