

# IELTS Speaking

Structures: wish about past

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Examples:

I wish I had had more money when I was younger.

I wish I had studied harder at school.

I wish I had not had to spend so much money on dinner yesterday.

I wish I had saved more when I had a well-paid job.

I wish I had taken more photographs on holiday.

I wish my history teacher had been more interesting.

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Add adverbs / fillers:

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sometimes  
occasionally  
never  
always  
really  
definitely

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Add adverbs / fillers:

Honestly  
Actually  
Well

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sometimes  
occasionally  
never  
always

really  
definitely

Wish about PAST: wish + past perfect tense verb

1. Do you often stay up late?
2. Do you often wear jewellery?
3. Have you ever thought about starting your own business?
4. What kind of music do you enjoy?
5. Do you make plans for your weekend?

