

IELTS Speaking

Structures: wish about present

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Wish about **PRESENT**: wish + past tense verb

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Examples:

I wish I had more money.

I wish I had more free time.

I wish I wasn't so busy.

I wish I lived in a larger city.

I wish the air was cleaner.

I wish I was rich!

I wish I did not have to study so hard.

I wish the streets were cleaner.

Wish about **PRESENT:** wish + past tense verb

Add adverbs / fillers:

I wish I had more free time.

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sometimes really
occasionally definitely
never
always

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Add adverbs / fillers:

Honestly
Actually
Frankly

I wish I had more free time.

sometimes
occasionally
never
always

really
definitely



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to be honest... I really wish that I had a bit more free time to catch up with my friends

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actually... I really wish that **I had more free time**

Wish about PRESENT: wish + past tense verb

actually I really ____ t ____ I h ____ m ____ free time

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Drill:

1. I had more free time
2. I lived closer to the centre of the city
3. I did not have so much work to do
4. there was less pollution in my hometown
5. I were a lot fitter than I am
6. I could focus better on my work
7. I were better at managing my time
8. the transport system was better

