

IELTS Speaking

Structures: wish about past: drill

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Wish about PAST: wish + past perfect tense verb

Note: “wish” used for PRESENT or PAST (impossible) – “hope” used for FUTURE (possible)

Use: wishing that things had been different in the 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 friend had not lost my book.

I wish my history teacher had been more interesting.

Wish about PAST: wish + past perfect tense verb

Add adverbs / fillers:

I wish I had had more free time when I was at school.

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I wish I had had more free time when I was at school.



sometimes
occasionally
never
always
really
definitely

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Add adverbs / fillers:

Honestly
Actually
Well

I wish I had had more free time when I was at school.

sometimes
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really
definitely



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actually... I really wish I had not wasted so much time when I was at school

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I r_____ wish I _____ not w_____ so m_____ t_____ when I was at school

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I really wish I had not wasted so much time when I was at school

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1. I not wasted so much time when I was at school
2. I met her sooner
3. I had more time to talk to her
4. I not had to queue for so long
5. I decided sooner
6. David not broken my bike
7. the hotel not been so expensive
8. I not bought those shoes

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?

