

WISH/IF ONLY

- I. **Future wish:** to express something that the speaker wants to happen in the future.

Wish (that) + S + would/could V_{bare}

I hope he will be here soon.

➤ I wish *he would be here soon.* _____

I would love it if you could join me next week.

➤ If only *you could join me next week.* _____

- II. **Present wish:** to express a wish that is unreal at present.

Wish (that) + S + V_{2/ed}
Wish (that) + S + could V_{bare}

Please stop smoking.

➤ I wish *you stopped smoking.* _____

I'd rather you didn't talk to me like that.

➤ If only *you didn't talk to me like that.* _____

- III. **Past wish:** to express regret that something did not happen the way the speaker wanted.

Wish (that) + S + had V₃
Wish (that) + S + could have V₃

She regrets selling her golden necklace.

➤ She wishes *she hadn't sold her golden necklace.* _____

It's a shame he couldn't come to my graduation party.

➤ If only *he could have come to my graduation party.* _____

IV. If only:

If only has the same meaning as wish.

Example: I **wish** you **had visited** me yesterday.

= If **only** you **had visited** me yesterday.