

Indirect Items Template

*competences verified: using language structures correctly

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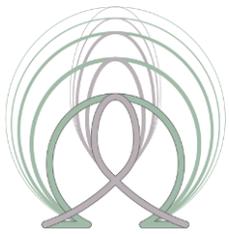
➤ Task

➤ Items

Level

Objectives

Key



INDIRECT ITEMS TO EXPRESS WISHES

We can use *wish/if only* to express a wish.

+ past simple/past continuous	I wish I was/were better at hockey. (but I'm not) If only we weren't all feeling so ill. (but we are)	*to say that we would like something to be different about a present situation
+ could + bare infinitive	I wish I could swim.	*to express wish/regret in the present concerning lack of ability
+ past perfect	I wish I had eaten fewer sweets when I was a child. (but I didn't) If only I hadn't given my tennis racquet away. (but I did)	*to express regret about something which happened or didn't happen in the past
+ subject + would + bare infinitive	I wish you would cook me dinner sometimes! If only you wouldn't borrow my things without asking me.	*to express: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a polite imperative • a desire for a situation or person's behaviour to change

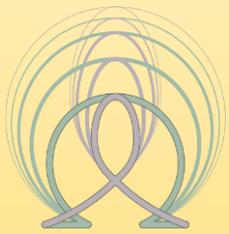
Notes:

• *If only* is used in exactly the same way as *wish* but it is more emphatic or more dramatic.

If only I had been chosen for the swimming team!

• We can use *were* instead of *was* after *wish* and *if only*. *I wish I weren't/wasn't feeling so tired.*

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INDIRECT ITEMS

Multiple-choice questions

Example

Content

➤ **Task: Read the sentences / text and decide which answer best fits each space/ gap.**

➤ **Items**

1. This trip seems endless. I wish we by car.

a. go **b. had gone** c. went

2. I wish I the money to buy a new car.

a. have b. have had **c. had**

3. I'm soaked. I wish I..... my umbrella at home.

a. hadn't forgotten b. didn't forget c. haven't forgotten

4. I wish Peter gum all the time.

a. won't chew **b. wouldn't chew** c. isn't chewing

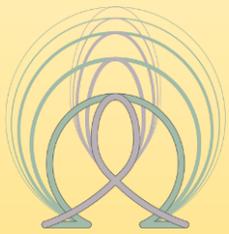
5. I wish you to look after your things.

a. learn b. will learn **c. would learn**

Level: B2

Objectives: Given 3 possible options for each item, ss will **identify** the correct answer/ way of expressing wish.

Key: 1. b 2.c 3.a 4.b 5.c



INDIRECT ITEMS

Fill-in exercise

Example

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➤ **Task: Put the verbs in brackets into the correct tense.**

➤ **Items**

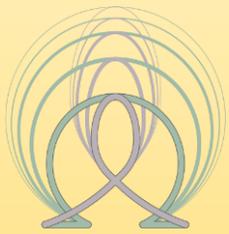
1. I wish I (**stay**) at my old school. I feel very lonely here.
2. If only I (**make**) a few new friends, then I'm sure I would enjoy school more.
3. I wish I (**be**) better at gymnastics.
4. It's raining heavily. if only I (**forget**) my umbrella.
5. I wish you (**stop**) throwing cigars in the street.

Level: B2/C1

Objectives: Given the fill-in exercise, ss will **insert/ employ/ use** the correct forms of the verbs in brackets, to express wish.

Key:

1. had stayed 2. could make 3. was/ were 4. hadn't forgotten 5. would stop



INDIRECT ITEMS

Transformation and paraphrase

Example

- **Content**

- **Task:**

- **Complete the 2nd sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first, using the word given. Use between 3-6 words, including the word given.**
- **Finish each of the following sentences in such a way that it is as similar in meaning as possible to the first the sentence**

- **Items**

1. It's a pity we can't attend the Olympics. **GO**
I wish wethe Olympics.
2. It's a shame we have no sports centre in our town. **THERE**
If only in our town.
3. I would like to be able to dance. **COULD**
I dance.
4. I can't go to the cinema. I don't have a ticket.
I wish I
5. I'm in trouble. I shouldn't have taken my sister's car.
I wish I

- **Level: B2**

- **Objectives:** Given a transformation exercise, ss will **transform** each of the 5 sentences, using the word given/ starting as directed

- **Key:**

1. could go to;
2. there was a sports centre;
3. wish I could
4. had a ticket;
5. hadn't taken



INDIRECT ITEMS

Sentence re-ordering Example

- **Content**

- **Task:** Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- **Items**

1. *at/I/ was/better/ wish / hockey I /*
2. *wish / I/swim/could*
3. *hadn't given/ If/my books/ away I/ only/*
4. *me/ only/ wouldn't/ If/my things/ without/ you/ asking borrow/*
5. *wish/ I/ her/ before/ I/ she/ got/ had known/ married*

- **Level: B1**

- **Objectives:** Given a sentence re-ordering exercise, ss will **arrange** the words in the correct order

- **Key:**

1. *I wish I was better at hockey.*
2. *I wish I could swim.*
3. *If only I hadn't given my books away.*
4. *If only you wouldn't borrow my things without asking me.*
5. *I wish I had known her before she got married.*