NAME: __________________________ DATE: __________________________

GRAMMAR WORKSHEET

WISH (present)

Wish + (that) + Past Simple

Positive

| I | wish | (that) | I lived in a big house in the countryside. |

Negative

| She | wishes | (that) | she didn’t live in a small apartment in the city. |

- Complete the sentences below.

1. I wish that I (have) ______ had ______ pet cat or dog.
2. They wish they (not have) ___________ a test today.
3. John wishes that he (know) ___________ how to speak Spanish.
4. It’s raining! I wish I (not have to) ___________ go outside now.
5. My friend wishes she (live) ___________ in Tokyo.
6. I wish that my neighbors (not make) ___________ so much noise.
7. I’m sorry. I wish I (like) ___________ chocolate, but I don’t!
8. I like this restaurant. I wish that we (come) ___________ here more often.
9. My teacher wishes I (not arrive) ___________ late for every class.
10. I have never seen snow. I wish it (snow) ___________ in Florida.
11. I think we should travel this summer. I wish that you (agree) ___________ with me.
12. We spend too much money. I wish that we (not spend) ___________ so much.
13. It’s true, really! UFOs exist. I wish that you (believe) ___________ me.
14. Emma loves to travel by air. She wishes she (fly) ___________ all the time.
15. This coffee is awful! I wish it (not taste) ___________ so bad.
Grammar Focus  Wish (Present)  Level  Upper-Intermediate

ANSWER KEY

1. had  9. didn’t arrive
2. didn’t have 10. snowed
3. knew 11. agreed
4. didn’t have to 12. didn’t spend
5. lived 13. believed
6. didn’t make 14. flew
7. liked 15. didn’t taste
8. came

GRAMMAR NOTE

Stative verbs (such as the ones used in this worksheet) are often used with this kind of grammar.

- have
- know
- live
- agree
- believe

Note that other dynamic (non-stative) verbs can be used in present simple sentences in which there is repeated action.

For example:
“I wish that we came here more often.”

Grades as percentages

15 / 15 = 100%
14 / 15 = 93%
13 / 15 = 87%
12 / 15 = 80%
11 / 15 = 73%
10 / 15 = 67%
9 / 15 = 60%
8 / 15 = 53%
7 / 15 = 47%
6 / 15 = 40%
5 / 15 = 33%
4 / 15 = 27%
3 / 15 = 20%
2 / 15 = 13%
1 / 15 = 7%
0 / 18 = 0%