

■ Decide which use of “wish” is demonstrated in the following sentences:

Q1. I wish my neighbor’s daughter would stop playing the piano so late!

- a) We want things to be different.
- b) We are unhappy/irritated about something we want to change.
- c) A desire.

Q2. My greatest wish in life is to go to the moon.

- a) We want things to be different.
- b) We are unhappy/irritated about something we want to change.
- c) A desire.

Q3. Jack wishes it would clear up so he could go out and play.

- a) We want things to be different.
- b) We are unhappy/irritated about something we want to change.
- c) A desire

Q4. She wishes she could play the piano.

- a) We want things to be different.
- b) We are unhappy/irritated about something we want to change.
- c) A desire.

Q5. If only I could have an infinite number of wishes!

- a) We want things to be different.
- b) We are unhappy/irritated about something we want to change.
- c) A desire.

Uses of the word wish

- Make sentences using the information below (hint: you want things to be different from how they are now, or how they were in the past).

Q6. I/to play/football/as well as Messi. (*now*)

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Q7. He/to have/another opportunity/make things right. (*general past*)

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Q8. I/to win/the lottery/before Christmas. (*past*)

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Q9. They/to be/as good as us! (*now*)

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Q10. I/to learn/more/in college. (*past*)

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ANSWERS

A1. B

A2. C

A3. B

A4. A

A5. C

A6. I wish I played football as well as Messi.

A7. He wishes he had had another opportunity to make things right.

A8. I wish I had won the lottery before Christmas.

A9. They wish they were as good as us!

A10. I wish I had learned more in college.