

1. [wɪʃ] *n*

1. желание; пожелание; стремление

good wishes - добрые пожелания

with best wishes for a happy New Year - с наилучшими пожеланиями счастья в наступающем Новом году

to have a wish to do smth. - иметь желание /желать, хотеть, стремиться/ сделать что-л.

2. воля; приказание

to disobey smb.'s wishes - пойти против чьей-л. воли

to do smth. at smb.'s wish - делать что-л. по чьему-л. приказанию

by my father's wish - по воле отца

it was done against my wishes - это было сделано вопреки моему приказанию /против моей воли/

3. просьба

to grant /to comply with/ smb.'s wish - выполнить /удовлетворить/ чью-л. просьбу

4. желаемое, предмет желаний

she got her wish - она добилась своего /чего хотела/

you shall have your wish - вы получите желаемое, ваше желание сбудется /будет удовлетворено/

5. *диал.* проклятие; накликанье беды

◇ the wish is father to the thought - ≅ люди охотно верят тому, чему хотят верить

if wishes were horses, beggars might ride - *посл.* ≅ если бы да кабы (во рту росли грибы)2. [wɪʃ] *v*

1. желать, хотеть; выражать желание

do you wish to leave now? - вы хотите сейчас уйти?

do you wish me to leave? - вы хотите, чтобы я ушёл?

what do you wish? - что вы желаете?

I wish you to understand - я хочу, чтобы вы поняли

it is to be wished that ... - желательно чтобы ...

I wish I were dead - просто жить не хочется

I wish the news may not prove true - хорошо бы это известие оказалось ошибочным

2. (for) желать; стремиться

to wish for happiness - стремиться к счастью

to have everything one can wish for - иметь всё, что только можно пожелать

you cannot wish for anything better - ничего лучшего и желать нельзя

3. пожелать, желать (*кому-л. что-л.*)

to wish smb. well [ill] - желать кому-л. добра [зла]

to wish smb. good morning - пожелать кому-л. доброго утра

I wish you good luck [a pleasant journey] - желаю вам удачи [счастливого пути]

to wish smb. welcome - приветствовать (*гостя*); говорить кому-л. «добро пожаловать»

4. (on)

1) навязывать, возлагать

another duty was wished on him - ему навязали ещё одну обязанность

2) накликать, насылать (*беды и т. п.*)

I wouldn't wish her on my enemy - я и врагу не пожелаю иметь с ней дело

5. загадывать желание

to wish a star - загадать желание при падении звезды

6. выражать просьбу *или* приказание

wish

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

wish [wish wishes wished wishing] *verb, noun* BrE [wɪʃ] [ⓘ] NAmE [wɪʃ] [ⓘ]*verb***1. transitive** (not usually used in the present progressive tense) to want sth to happen or to be true even though it is unlikely or impossible• ~ **(that)**... I wish I were taller.

• (BrE also) I wish I was taller.

• I wish I hadn't eaten so much.

• 'Where is he now?' ' **I only wish** I knew!'

• I wish you wouldn't leave your clothes all over the floor.

• She really wished she'd stayed on at college.

• He sat by the phone, wishing it would ring. 'That' is nearly always left out, especially in speech.

• ~ **sb/sth/yourself + adj.** He's dead and it's no use wishing him alive again.• ~ **sb/sth/yourself + adv./prep.** She wished herself a million miles away.**2. intransitive, transitive** (especially BrE, formal) to want to do sth; to want sth to happen• You may stay until morning, **if you wish** .• 'I'd rather not talk now.' ' **(Just) as you wish** .'• ~ **to do sth** This course is designed for people wishing to update their computer skills .

• I wish to speak to the manager.

• I don't wish (= I don't mean) to be rude, but could you be a little quieter?

• ~ **sb sth** She could not believe that he wished her harm.• ~ **sb/sth to do sth** He was not sure whether he wished her to stay or go.**3. intransitive** ~ **(for sth)** to think very hard that you want sth, especially sth that can only be achieved by good luck or magic

- She shut her eyes and wished for him to get better.
 - If you wish really hard, maybe you'll get what you want.
 - It's no use wishing for the impossible.
 - He has everything he could possibly wish for.
4. **transitive** to say that you hope that sb will be happy, lucky, etc
- ~ **sb sth** I wished her a happy birthday.
 - Wish me luck!
 - ~ **sb well** We wish them both well in their retirement.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	wish
	BrE /wɪʃ/
	NAme /wɪʃ/
he / she / it	wishes
	BrE /wɪʃɪz/
	NAme /wɪʃɪz/
past simple, past participle	wished
	BrE /wɪʃt/
	NAme /wɪʃt/
-ing form	wishing
	BrE /wɪʃɪŋ/
	NAme /wɪʃɪŋ/

Word Origin:

Old English wyrcan, of Germanic origin; related to German **wünschen**, also to **wont**.

Grammar Point:

wish

After the verb **wish** in sense 1, a past tense is always used in a that clause: ▪ Do you wish (that) you ▪ had ▪ a better job? In more formal English, especially in **NAme**, many people use were after I, he, she, it instead of was: ▪ I wish he ▪ were ▪ here tonight.

Example Bank:

- 'Where is he now?' 'I only wish I knew.'
- I heartily wished that I had stayed at home.
- I really wish I could go to America.
- When I see the kids playing football, I almost wish I was their age again.
- I wish I hadn't eaten so much.
- I wish you wouldn't leave your clothes all over the floor.
- You may stay until morning, if you wish.

Idioms: ↑I wish! ▪ ↑if wishes were horses, beggars would ride ▪ ↑wish is father to the thought ▪ ↑your wish is my command

Derived ↑wish somebody on somebody ▪ ↑wish something away

noun

1. **countable** a desire or a feeling that you want to do sth or have sth

- ~ **(to do sth)** She expressed a wish to be alone.
- He **had no wish to** start a fight.
- His dearest wish (= what he wants most of all) is to see his grandchildren again.
- ~ **for sth** I can understand her wish for secrecy.
- ~ **that...** It was her dying wish that I should have it.

2. **countable** a thing that you want to have or to happen

- to carry out sb's wishes
- I'm sure that you will get your wish.
- She married **against** her parents' **wishes**.

see also ↑death wish

3. **countable** an attempt to make sth happen by thinking hard about it, especially in stories when it often happens by magic

- Throw some money in the fountain and **make a wish**.
- The genie granted him three wishes.
- The prince's **wish came true**.

4. **wishes plural** ~ **(for sth)** used especially in a letter or card to say that you hope that sb will be happy, well or successful

- We all send our **best wishes** for the future.
- Give my good wishes to the family.
- **With best wishes** (= for example, at the end of a letter)

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Example Bank:

- Draw up a wish list, defining the requirements for your ideal home.
- Every good wish for your future happiness together.
- Freud's theory of the death wish

- Give my best wishes to Alison.
- He was denied his dying wish to be reconciled with his son.
- Her father will not speak to her, because she married against his wishes.
- I have no wish to cause any trouble among them.
- If you're the one who finds the hidden box, you get a wish.
- In accordance with his wishes, his ashes were scattered at sea.
- In his wish to be as helpful as possible, he was forever asking her what she wanted.
- It is vital for schools to respect the wishes of parents.
- Lo and behold, on Christmas Day their wishes came true.
- She eventually went against her family's wishes and published her autobiography.
- She flew into a rage if the staff didn't obey her wishes.
- She fulfilled her deepest wish when she flew solo for the first time.
- She has expressed a wish to seek asylum here.
- She has expressed a wish to visit the Houses of Parliament.
- She's always wanted to be an actress, and I'm sure she'll get her wish.
- Thanks to all those who sent well wishes.
- The Government blatantly ignored the wishes of the public.
- The change to the constitution reflects the wishes of the people who voted in the referendum.
- The committee rode roughshod over the wishes of union members.
- The good fairy granted her three wishes.
- We need to update our equipment if we are to meet customers' wishes.
- When you see a black cat, you have to make a wish.
- With best wishes for a happy birthday.
- a wish for peace
- the child's detention against parental wishes
- He refused to carry out her wishes.
- His dearest wish is to see his grandchildren again.
- I'm sure that you will get your wish.
- She married against her parents' wishes.

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1. **wish**¹ **S1 W1** /wɪʃ/ *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb*

[*Language*: Old English; *Origin*: wyscan]

1. [*intransitive and transitive*] *formal* if you wish to do something or you wish to have it done for you, you want to do it or want to have it done **SYN like**

wish to do something

- " I wish to make a complaint.
- " If you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.
- " You may leave now, if you wish.

(*just*) **as you wish** (=used in formal situations to tell someone you will do what they want)

- " 'I'd like it to be ready by six.' 'Just as you wish, sir.'
- " The cook will prepare whatever you wish.

REGISTER

In everyday English, people usually say **want** rather than **wish**:

- I want to see the manager.
- You can go, if you want.

2. [*transitive*] to want something to be true although you know it is either impossible or unlikely ⇒ **if only**

wish (that)

- " I wish I didn't have to go to work today.
- " I wish that I could afford a new car.
- " He wished Emily were with him.
- " Sometimes I wish I had never been born.

GRAMMAR

When talking about things that you would like to happen or be true, use **wish** and the past tense, or **wish** and **would** or **could**:

- I wish I lived in New York.
- I wish they would explain things better.

In British English, you can either say 'I wish I was' or 'I wish I were', which is rather formal. In American English, you should use **were**:

- I wish I were ten years younger.

When talking about things that you would like to have happened, use **wish** and the past perfect tense:

- I wish I had paid more attention in class.

3. [*transitive*] to say that you hope someone will have good luck, a happy life etc

wish somebody something

- " We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
- " We wish them every happiness in their new home.
- " He shook my hand and wished me luck.

wish somebody well (=say that you hope that good things will happen to someone)

- " My friends wished me well in my new job.

4. **I couldn't wish for a nicer/better etc ... (also the nicest/best etc ... I could have wished for)** used to emphasize that you are

very happy with what you have and cannot imagine anyone or anything better:

" I couldn't wish for a better husband.

" It's the best birthday present I could have wished for.

5. **I wish (that) somebody would do something** *spoken* used to say that you find someone's behaviour annoying and want them to change:

" I wish you'd stop treating me like a child!

6. **[intransitive]**

a) to want something to happen or to want to have something, especially when it seems unlikely or impossible ⇒ **long for wish for**

" It was no use wishing for the impossible.

" She was like the sister I never had but always wished for.

b) to silently ask for something you want and hope that it will happen by magic or good luck – used especially in children's stories **wish for**

" One day she found a magic ring that brought her whatever she wished for.

7. **I wish!** *spoken* used to say that something is not true, but you wish it was:

" 'I think he really likes you.' 'I wish!'

8. **you wish!** *spoken* used to tell someone that what they want to happen or be true will definitely not happen or become true:

" 'I'm going to be famous one day.' 'You wish!'

9. **wouldn't wish something on/upon somebody** *spoken* used to say that something is very unpleasant and that you would not like anyone to have to experience it:

" Having your house broken into is terrible. I wouldn't wish it on anybody.

10. **I don't wish to interfere/be nosy etc** *British English spoken formal* used to show you are sorry if what you are going to say upsets or annoys someone:

" I don't wish to seem ungrateful, but it's not quite what I expected.

11. **I (only) wish I knew** *British English spoken* used to emphasize that you do not know something, and you wish you did know:

" 'Where on earth have they gone?' 'I wish I knew!'

wish something ↔ away *phrasal verb*

1. to make something unpleasant disappear by wanting it to disappear, without doing anything about it:

" You can't just wish your problems away, you know!

2. **wish your life away** to always be thinking about the future, so that you do not do or enjoy things now – used to show disapproval:

" Don't wish your life away.

II. **wish**² *S3 BrE AmE* *noun* [countable]

1. a desire to do something, to have something, or to have something happen

wish of

" It's important to listen to the wishes of the patient.

wish to do something

" Despite her wish to continue working, she was forced to retire at the age of 62. ⇒ †death wish

2. a silent request for something to happen as if by magic:

" Close your eyes and make a wish.

3. **against sb's wishes** if you do something against someone's wishes, you do it even though you know they do not want you to:

" She'd left school against her mother's wishes.

go against sb's wishes (=do something against their wishes)

4. **best/good/warmest etc wishes** used, especially in cards and letters, to say that you hope someone will be happy, successful, or healthy

best/good/warmest etc wishes for

" Best wishes for a long and happy retirement!

" She asked me to pass on her good wishes to all her friends and colleagues.

(With) best wishes (=used at the end of a letter before you sign your name)

" With best wishes, Celia.

5. **have no wish to do something** *formal* used to emphasize that you do not want or intend to do something:

" I have no wish to speak to her ever again.

6. **your wish is my command** used humorously to say that you will do whatever someone asks you to do

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COLLOCATIONS

■ verbs

- **make a wish** (=silently ask for something that you want to happen) He blew out the candles and made a wish.
- **get/have your wish** (=get what you want) She wanted him to leave, and she got her wish.
- **grant/fulfil somebody's wish** (=give someone what they want) His parents would now be able to grant his wish.
- **express a wish** He expressed a wish to go to the United States.
- **respect sb's wishes** (=do what someone wants) We have to respect his wishes.
- **ignore sb's wishes** It is important not to ignore the wishes of the patient.

■ phrases

- **somebody's wish comes true** His wish came true when he was called up to play for England.

■ adjectives

- **sb's greatest/deepest wish** (also **sb's dearest wish** *British English*) (=what they want most of all) Her greatest wish was to see her parents again.
- **sb's last/final/dying wish** Her last wish was to be buried in her husband's grave.
- **a fervent wish** (=a strong wish) To die for Ireland was the fervent wish of every true patriot.

adverbs

- **contrary to somebody's wishes** (=against what someone has said they want) Contrary to her parents' wishes, she decided not to go to university.
- **in accordance with somebody's wishes** *formal* (=following what someone wants) In accordance with his wishes, he was buried next to his first wife.

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