

LANGUAGE FOCUS – WISH AND IF ONLY

We use *wish* and *if only* with **past tense forms**:

- We use past tense **modals** *would* and *could* to talk about wishes for the future:

I don't like my work. I wish I could get a better job.

If only my parents would let me stay out later.

- We use **past simple** and **continuous** to talk about wishes for the present:

These seats are very uncomfortable. I wish we were travelling first class.

I wish I was taller.

- After *I/he/she/it*, we can use **were** instead of **was**.

I wish I was/were taller.