

Unit 8 跟現在事實相反的假設語氣

1. 表達對目前事實能有改變的期待

注意事實跟假設語氣句子當中的動詞變化。

*事實中的動詞為 **be** 動詞時，其 **wish** 子句中的動詞用 **were**。

Reality 事實：

(1) I **don't know** how to dance.

(2) Ron **has to** work tonight.

(3) I **can't speak** Chinese.

(4) I **'m not** home in bed.

(5) It **is** so hot today.

Making a wish:

I wish (that) I **knew** how to dance.

Ron wishes he **didn't have to** work tonight.

I wish I **could speak** Chinese.

I wish I **were** home in bed.

Everybody wishes it **weren't** so hot today.

Exercise 1: Make a wish for the following situations.

1. Alice **doesn't have** a car. → She wishes she had a car.

2. My friend **can't come**. → I wish my friend could come.

3. Oh! James **is not** here. → I wish he were here.

4. I **have to** study for a test. → I wish I didn't have to study for a test.

5. I **don't have** a car, but I wish I did. (亦可用連接詞連接，省略動詞的受詞。)

6. Alan **is** so tall, but he wishes he weren't.

假設語氣是比較困難的文法項目。

2. if 的假設語氣：would 及 could 常用於結果子句中。

(1) **Reality:** I **don't have** enough knowledge.

Using **wish:** I wish I **had** enough knowledge.

Using **if:** If I **had** enough knowledge, I would tell them the truth.

(2) **Reality:** The weather **isn't** nice today.

Using **wish:** I wish the weather **were** nice today.

Using **if:** If the weather **were** nice today, I could go to the park.

Exercise 2: Use *wish* and *if* to complete the following sentences

1. I don't have enough time, so I don't watch TV every morning.

I wish *I had enough time.*

If *I had enough time, I would watch TV every morning.*

2. He is not here right now. He can't help us.

I wish *he were here right now.*

If *he were here right now, he could help us.*

3. Because I don't have enough money, I will not buy the car.

I wish *I had enough money.*

If *I had enough money, I would buy the car.*

Exercise 3: Oral Practice

Reality: I don't know my neighbors. I am lonely.
A: You know, I wish I knew my neighbors.
B: Oh, really? Why?
A: If I knew my neighbors, I wouldn't be lonely.
B: I know what you mean.

1. I don't have a good memory. I forget people's names all the time.

2. I don't drive to work. I have to wait for the bus every morning.

3. I don't do daily exercises. I have to go on a diet.

4. My husband and I don't take dance lessons. We feel very "out of place" at parties.

Exercise 4: 理解文章內容，將跟事實相反的假設語氣中的動詞畫底線。

A: I wish I were younger. I wish I didn't have to get old and sick. Science can do so much these days. I wish they could find a way to keep us young.

B: I read an article about how scientists are working to extend our lives. It's possible that soon people will be able to live 150 years.

A: I wouldn't want to be 150 years old and sick. I wish I could be 21 forever.

B: I don't think scientists will ever find a way to make us any younger than we are now. The best they can do is extend our lives and keep us healthier longer. What would you do differently if you were 21?

A: I would be going to parties on weekends. I wouldn't have so many responsibilities. I wouldn't have to take care of children. I started to have my children when I was in my early twenties. I wish I had waited until I was older.

B: My aunt is 55 and just got married for the first time a few years ago. She wishes she had gotten married when she was young and she wishes she had had children. But now she's too old.

A: I'm not so sure about that. I read an article about a 63-year-old woman who gave birth to a baby with the help of science.

B: That's amazing! What will science do for us next?

A: Scientists have started to clone animals.

B: I used to have a wonderful dog. I miss her. I wish I could have cloned her. But it's too late. She died 10 years ago.

A: Technology in the twenty-first century is moving so fast, isn't it? Don't you wish you could come back in 1,000 years and see all the changes in the world after that period of time?

B: I read an article that says that if we could travel at almost the speed of light, we could leave the Earth and come back a thousand years from now.

A: I wouldn't want to live in the future. I just wish I could visit the future. All our friends and relatives would be long dead if we left the present.