

Wish for Regrets

To regret means that we feel sorry or lament something we have done in the past.

When we want to express regret we can use the verb **wish** + **the Past Perfect tense** (*had/n't* + a verb in past participle).

Notice that it is used *wishes* with third person subjects.

Read each situation below and look at the structure of *wish* for regrets.

1. Anna recommended Sam to be early at the airport but he did not listen and lost his plane.

*Sam wishes he **had listened** to Anna.*

2. Jonathan drank too much beer last night and now he has a hangover.

*Jonathan wishes he **hadn't drunk** too much beer last night.*

3. I got angry in the meeting yesterday and said several things I did not really mean to say.

*I wish I **hadn't said** those things yesterday.*

4. I did not return the books to the library on time and I now I do not have permission to get books.

*I wish I **had returned** the books on time.*

5. Mary's husband got sick because he ate a lot yesterday and today they cannot go out.

*Mary wishes her husband **hadn't eaten** too much yesterday.*