

Ullswater

Word Work

Vocabulary

Match the adjectives in column A with the definitions in column B

A	B
a) Sad	1. Not friendly or thoughtful
b) Guilty	2. Thinking first of your own interests
c) Foolish	3. Being to blame for something
d) Hopeful	4. Not understood for your true character
e) Misunderstood	5. Giving freely
f) Selfish	6. Not showing appreciation to help or kindness
g) Generous	7. To be optimistic
h) Ungrateful	8. Feeling sorry about the past
i) Regretful	9. Feeling anxious about something
j) Worried	10. Without good sense or judgement
k) Drunk	11. Feeling the effects of alcoholic drink
l) Unkind	12. The opposite of happy

Now choose some adjectives from the list above to describe Victor and Senaka

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The verb “wish”

I wished we were in India where there was so much more of a struggle...

wishing for the impossible: wish that + past tenses

To express **wishes** for **unlikely** or **impossible** situations and to express **regrets**, use **wish that + constructions with would, could, was, were or past tenses**.

Note that although we are using **past tense forms**, we are talking about **present and future situations**. Compare the following:

I don't speak any foreign languages, but I wish (that) I could speak Spanish. I'm hopeless at foreign languages, but I wish I spoke Spanish and French.

I'm not hard-working at all - I'm really lazy - but I wish (that) I weren't. It's only Tuesday today, but I wish it was Saturday.

Note that **was** (informal) and **were** (formal) are fully interchangeable in the first and third person singular forms.

My wife has to work such long hours, but I wish she didn't (have to).
I have to prepare all the meals. I wish (that) I didn't.
And now the dishwasher doesn't work. I wish it did.

Note also that we use **wish that + could** when we are talking about people's ability to do things and **wish that + would** when we are talking about things that we would like people to do or not to do.

I can't eat anything with onions in - I'm allergic to them - but I wish I could.
I know your parents won't let you come to the disco, but I wish you could. I know you don't really want to come to the disco, but I wish you would.
He keeps sending me text messages, but I wish he wouldn't.

Poor Cinderella is helping her step-sisters to get ready for the ball at Court and she would like to go, too. Complete the sentences below using the correct form of the verb.

1. I can't go to the ball.
I wish I _____ to the ball.
2. I haven't got a beautiful, new dress.
I wish I _____ a beautiful new dress.
3. I have to do all the housework.
I wish I _____ to do all the housework.
4. I sleep in the kitchen.
I wish I _____ in the kitchen.
5. I never go out with my friends.
I wish I _____ with my friends.
6. My sisters are so unkind to me.
I wish my sisters _____ kinder to me.
7. I can't meet the Prince!
I wish I _____ meet the Prince!