

**Situations: wish**

by Jill Hadfield

**Level:** Upper Intermediate / Advanced**Target age:** Secondary / Adult**Time needed:** 20 minutes**Grammar objective:** to practise *I wish I had / I could / you would***Materials:** one copy of the speech bubbles, one copy of the situations list**Summary:** This is an accuracy-based team game to practise *I wish I had ... , I wish I could ... , I wish you would ...***Procedure**

1. Cut up the speech bubbles in preparation for the lesson. Stick them randomly all over the board.
2. Divide the students into two teams and ask them to form two lines facing the board.
3. Say to the students that you are going to read out a situation. They should listen and read the wishes on the board. They should then decide which of the wishes they would make in that situation.
4. The first student in each team should try to be the first to grab the appropriate wish.
5. Read out the first situation from the list: *You are in a restaurant in Madrid. You can't understand the menu.*
6. The students should try to grab the bubble that reads *I wish I had learnt Spanish.*
7. They then go to the back of the line and it is the turn of the next two students.
8. The team with most bubbles at the end wins.

**Key:**

1. *You are in a restaurant in Madrid. You can't understand the menu.*  
*I wish I had learned Spanish.*
2. *You want to learn Spanish but the college only offers evening classes in French.*  
*I wish I could learn Spanish.*

3. *Your son is taking French at school. You think Spanish is more useful.*

*I wish you would learn Spanish.*

4. *You hate your job and keep on applying for different jobs – with no success.*

*I wish I could get a better job.*

5. *You are about to retire – but your pension is not very big.*

*I wish I had got a better job.*

6. *Your girlfriend moans about her job – but she doesn't do anything about applying for another one.*

*I wish you would get a better job.*

7. *A few years ago your boyfriend asked you to marry him – but you refused. Now you regret it!*

*I wish I had married him.*

8. *You have a crush on Robert Pattinson.*

*I wish I could marry him.*

9. *Your daughter has a really lovely boyfriend.*

*I wish you would marry him.*

10. *You are very tired this morning.*

*I wish I had gone to bed earlier.*

11. *You have a lot of work to do in the evenings so always get to bed late.*

*I wish I could go to bed earlier.*

12. *Your flatmate stays up late playing loud music after you have gone to bed.*

*I wish you would go to bed earlier.*

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