

Wishes

Answer in full sentences and share your reasons or a story. Use "I wish..." where it fits.

Beginner (A1)

01. Do you make the same birthday wish every year, or a new one?
02. What do you wish for your family?
03. What good wishes do you write in a birthday card?
04. Draw a picture of one of your wishes. Tell us about it.
05. Who do you talk to about your wishes?

Elementary (A2)

06. Have any of your wishes ever come true?
07. Who taught you how to make a wish? What did they tell you to do?
08. When you make a wish, do you close your eyes? What else do you do?
09. Which is more fun for you: making a wish alone or making wishes with a group? Why?
10. Think of someone you know well. What is one of their wishes?
11. What wish do you and someone in your family share?
12. Did you ever write a wish on paper? Where did you put the paper?
13. Which do you like better: a wish in a card or a wish someone says to you? Why?

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Intermediate (B1)

14. If you could have three wishes that would come true, what would they be? (No, you can't wish for more wishes)
15. What do you wish you could change about the world?
16. Many cultures throw things into water (like a fountain) and make a wish. Why do you think people do that?
17. What do you wish you could do after this class?
18. What do you wish you could eat right now?
19. What do you wish would happen today?
20. When do people make wishes in your culture? (for example, when you see a shooting star)
21. Do you ever wish you could travel back in time?
22. What do you wish you had right now?
23. What do you wish you could fix yourself instead of paying someone else to fix?
24. What did you believe about making wishes when you were a child?
25. What do you wish people would stop asking you?
26. When everyone is waiting for you to make a wish, is it easy to think of one?
27. Some people say that telling a wish stops it from coming true. What do you think of that idea?
28. Have you ever made a wish just because everyone else was doing it? What was happening?
29. When do you wish you were a little less polite?
30. Have you ever tried a wish-making tradition while traveling? What was it like?
31. What do you wish people understood about your work or studies?
32. What would you say to a child who asked whether making a wish really works?
33. Which household job do you wish took half as long?
34. Can you enjoy making wishes without believing they will come true? What, if anything, do you enjoy about it?
35. If you missed a step in a wish-making tradition, would you start again?
36. When do you wish you could stay calm more easily?
37. Have you ever waited for a certain time on the clock to make a wish? What made you do it?
38. What do you wish people would stop doing at concerts or movies?
39. Which of your childhood wishes makes you laugh now?

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40. When you make a wish, do you choose your words carefully or say the first thing that comes to mind?
41. Which everyday sound do you wish were quieter?
42. When you were younger, what did you wish adults would let you do?
43. What do you wish you could do with your hair that never seems to work?
44. Has someone ever remembered a wish of yours that you thought they'd forgotten? Tell us what happened.
45. What do you wish people would say directly instead of making you guess?
46. Which hobby do you wish cost less to enjoy?
47. What do you think of the advice, "Be careful what you wish for"?
48. What do you wish you found interesting, but don't?
49. Would you want to hear what people wished for when they were your age? Whose wishes would interest you?
50. What do you wish you cared less about?
51. When do you wish you could tell whether someone was joking?

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Upper Intermediate (B2)

52. What do you wish you had asked someone when you had the chance?
53. Which event do you wish you had stayed at longer?
54. What do you wish you had kept from your childhood?
55. When have you thought, 'I wish I hadn't agreed to this'?
56. What do you wish you had known before starting your first job?
57. Which experience do you wish you had taken more pictures of?
58. Tell us about a time you thought, 'I wish I had checked that first.'
59. Which conversation do you wish you had handled differently?
60. What did you once wish would happen that you're now glad didn't happen?
61. Does making a wish help you feel better when you cannot control what happens?
62. Have you ever gotten what you wished for and found that you didn't enjoy it? What was different from what you imagined?
63. Have you ever wished an event would be canceled, then enjoyed it when it happened?
64. Is there a wish you enjoy thinking about even though you don't want it to come true?
65. How would you feel if someone tried to make one of your wishes come true without asking you first?

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Advanced (C1)

66. When someone says, "I wish I could help," what makes you hear it as kindness, an excuse, or something else? Give examples.
67. How much of an apology is "I wish I hadn't said that"? What would you need to hear before accepting it?
68. What changes when "I wish you would call more often" is said by a parent, a partner, or a manager?
69. If someone insists they wish for a different life but keeps choosing the life they have, how would you make sense of that?
70. How would you judge a wish for someone else to fail if their failure would give you a chance? Where would you draw the line?
71. What is the difference between a wish and a prayer?
72. Can you wish an experience had never happened and still value what it taught you? How would you explain that to someone who sees a contradiction?
73. When people say, "I wish I'd known then what I know now," what might they be overlooking about their younger selves?
74. How would you respond to someone who says their wish came true because they believed in it strongly enough? Would the circumstances change your response?
75. If people pay to take part in a wish-making custom, what would make the price seem reasonable or exploitative to you?
76. When is "That's wishful thinking" a fair response, and when does it shut down an idea too soon? Give an example of each.