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GRAMMAR: WISH (B1-C1)
EXERCISE 3

Fill in the gaps with **one word** using wish + past simple/perfect or would:

1. I bet you wish you _____ more popular.
2. Do you wish there _____ more jobs in this city?
3. I wish you _____ speak my native tongue.
4. You wish there _____ a restaurant in your neighbourhood.
5. They wish we _____ spend more time together.
6. You wish you _____ a more dedicated student.
7. I wish I _____ have more energy; I am sick of feeling so tired all the time.
8. Do they wish they _____ been given the job?
9. We wish you _____ improve your productivity; if not you might lose your job.
10. I wish I _____ the president of the USA.
11. We wish politicians _____ not be so corrupt.
12. I wish you _____ listen to me and not look at your phone!
13. I wish there _____ better public transport in my city.
14. They wish their friends _____ more sociable.
15. I wish I _____ get around to fixing my car.
16. I wish there _____ a cinema close to my house.
17. Do you wish your family _____ here now?
18. We wish we _____ be bilingual.
19. I wish my grandfather _____ alive.
20. Do you wish your family _____ closer?
21. They wish they _____ get to work on time.
22. I wish you _____ come on holiday with us?
23. We always wished we _____ have lived abroad.
24. Do you wish you _____ more spare cash?
25. He wished he _____ been able to find a better job.

Answers:

1. I bet you wish you **were** more popular.
2. Do you wish there **were** more jobs in this city?
3. I wish you **could** speak my native tongue.
4. You wish there **were** a restaurant in your neighbourhood.
5. They wish we **could** spend more time together.
6. You wish you **were** a more dedicated student.
7. I wish I **would** have more energy; I am sick of feeling so tired all the time.
8. Do they wish they **had** been given the job?
9. We wish you **would** improve your productivity; if not you might lose your job.
10. I wish I **were** the president of the USA.
11. We wish politicians **would** not be so corrupt.
12. I wish you **would** listen to me and not look at your phone!
13. I wish there **were** better public transport in my city.
14. They wish their friends **were** more sociable.
15. I wish I **could** get around to fixing my car.
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