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Hi, everyone. Tom here, from BBC Learning English in London. And today, I'm going to tell you what to say after the word *wish*.

When we’re talking about *wishes*, we're talking about situations that are imaginary or unreal. To show this, after saying *'I wish'* we use the past to talk about the wish, which is in the present.

So, I could say: *I wish I had* a cup of tea. Ah, thank you!

Now, if we want to make a *wish* about the past, we need to use the 'past past' - or the past perfect.

For example: *I wish I had chosen* a more formal shirt before I filmed this video today.