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English –  
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## Lesson one

Expressing hypothetical meaning

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### **Objectives of the lesson:**

- The ultimate objective of this lesson is to reintroduce students to four different types regarding the way to express hypothetical meaning in English, along with the proper usage.

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Expressing hypothetical meaning happens when we talk about things that we imagine.

1. We use **wish + past simple** to express a wish that has not come true in the present or to talk about wishes that might come true in the future.eg. We **wish** the weather **wasn't/ weren't** so bad.
  2. We use **wish + would** and **could** to refer to general wishes for the future.eg. I **wish** I **could** be in the football team.
  3. **Wish + would** is used to talk about wishes we have for other people.eg. I **wish** my father **would** stop smoking.
  4. We use **wish + past perfect** to refer to things we are sorry about in the past.eg. I **wish** I **have been invited** to her graduation party.
- **if only** are used to talk about things which we want but which are not possible:

Example:

If only we could stop to take a photo.

If only I could find the answer.

- **It's time** is used with the past simple to talk about the present or the future. We mean that the action should have been done before. For emphasis, we can also say **it's about time** and **it's high time**.

Example:

It's time you started revising for the exam.

- **Would rather**
1. We use **Would rather+ past simple** to say what we want someone or something else to do in the present or future.

Example: I would rather we didn't discuss that, if you don't mind.

2. We use **would rather+ past perfect** to say what we wanted to happen in the past.

Example:

I would rather you had asked me first.

- **Suppose/ what if**

Suppose means **what if...?** It is used with:

1. The present simple to describe something that may possibly happen or may have happened.

Example: suppose the super-market break down financially

2. The past simple to talk about something that is just imagination or which is unlikely to happen in the future

Example: suppose your business broke down, how would you do?

3. The past perfect to talk about something that could have happened in the past but didn't.

Example: suppose you hadn't chosen this specialty, what else would you choose?