SHE WISHES THE GUESTS HADN’T ARRIVED EARLY.

Clauses After Wish: Past Events

The guests arrived early. Margo wishes the guests hadn’t arrived early.
She wasn’t ready. She wishes she’d been ready.

Note: Use wish + the past perfect tense to express a desire that did not happen in the past.

PRACTICE

Make sentences with wish.

1. The guests arrived early.
   Margo wishes the guests hadn’t arrived early.

2. She wasn’t ready.

3. She didn’t have time to set the table in advance.

4. She forgot to serve the appetizer.

5. The roast wasn’t done on time.

6. She burned the potatoes.

7. She spilled wine all over the tablecloth.

8. The dessert didn’t turn out.

9. She wasn’t able to spend time with her guests.

10. The evening was a disaster.

MAKE IT WORK

Write about an unpleasant event that happened to you in the past. Then make a wish about that event.

I lost my wedding ring
I wish I hadn’t lost it.

New Word: appetizer = something that is eaten before a meal