

# They Wish They Could



- A. Can Jeffrey cook?  
 B. No, he can't . . . but he wishes he could. If he could cook, he'd invite his friends over for dinner.



1. Can Brian dance?  
*go dancing every night*



2. Can Cheryl type fast?  
*be able to leave work on time*



3. Can Steve speak a foreign language?  
*be able to get a better job*



4. Can Martha knit?  
*make sweaters for her grandchildren*



5. Can Gary fix his car by himself?  
*save a lot of money*



6. Can Mr. and Mrs. Bradley ski?  
*take their children skiing in Colorado*



7. Can Abby play a musical instrument?  
*be able to march in the town parade*



8. Can Jessica talk?  
*tell her parents she doesn't like her baby food*



9. Can Richard roll his "Rs"?  
*have better pronunciation in Spanish*



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## Why Do You Say That?

if \_\_\_\_\_ { could  
would be able to } \_\_\_\_\_



- A. You know, I wish my TV weren't fixed.
- B. Why do you say that?
- A. If it weren't fixed, { I could  
I'd be able to } talk with my children.



- A. You know, I wish my son didn't want to be a dentist.
- B. Why do you say that?
- A. If he **didn't** want to be a dentist, { I could  
I'd be able to } convince him  
to manage my shoe store when I retire.

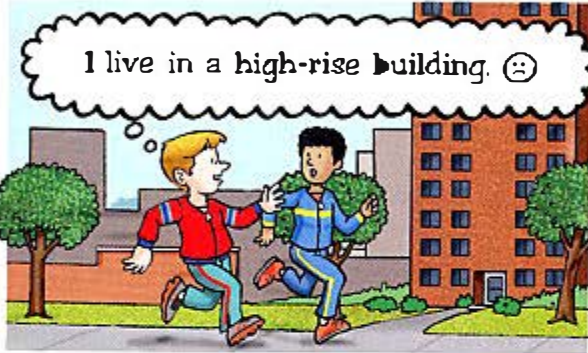




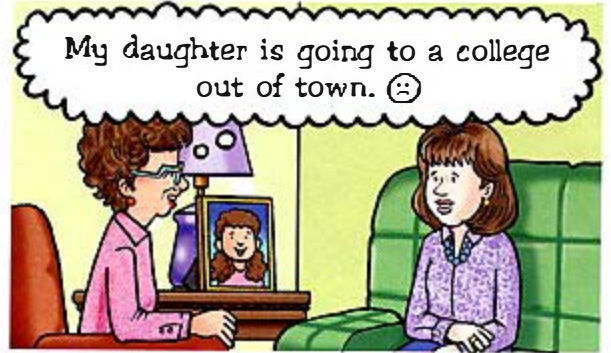
1. wear my new raincoat this Saturday



2. go to the beach



3. have a garden



4. see her more often



5. concentrate more on my work



6. go away for the weekend



7. invite my friends over to watch the Super Bowl



8. have some "peace and quiet" around the house



## READING



### THEY WISH THEY LIVED IN THE CITY

The Anderson family lives in the suburbs, but they wish they lived in the city. If they lived in the city, Mr. Anderson wouldn't have to spend all his spare time mowing the lawn and working around the house. Mrs. Anderson wouldn't have to spend two hours commuting to work every day. Their son Michael would be able to take the bus to the baseball stadium. Their daughter, Jennifer, would be living close to all of her favorite book stores. And their other son, Steven, could visit the zoo more often. It would be very difficult for the Anderson family to move to the city now, but perhaps some day they'll be able to. They certainly hope so.

## COMPLETE THE STORY

### THEY WISH THEY LIVED IN THE SUBURBS

The Burton family lives in the city, but they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> they lived in the suburbs. If they \_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> in the suburbs, Mrs. Burton \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> be able to plant a garden and grow vegetables. Mr. Burton \_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup> have to listen to noisy city traffic all the time. Their son, Ken, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup> have a backyard to play in. Their daughters, Betsy and Kathy, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> have to share a room. And their cat, Tiger, \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup> be able to go outside and play with the other cats. It \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> be very difficult for the Burton family to move to the suburbs now, but perhaps some day they'll be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup> to. They certainly hope so.



### How About You?



Do you wish you lived someplace else? Where? Why?

Compare life in the city and life in the suburbs. What are the advantages and disadvantages of each?

## READING



Ethel can never fix anything around the house. In fact, everybody tells her she's "all thumbs." She wishes she were more mechanically inclined. If she were more mechanically inclined, she would be able to repair things around the house by herself.

### "ALL THUMBS"



Robert can't dance very well. In fact, all the girls he goes out with tell him he has "two left feet." Robert wishes he could dance better. If he could dance better, he wouldn't feel so self-conscious when he goes dancing.



Maria is having a hard time learning English. She's having a lot of trouble with English grammar and pronunciation. Maria wishes she had a "better ear" for languages. If she had a "better ear" for languages, she probably wouldn't be having so much trouble in her English class.

## ✓ READING CHECK-UP

### MATCHING: Do You Know These Expressions?

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|--|-----------------------------------|
| ___ 1. He's <i>all thumbs</i> .                  | a. very kind                      |
| ___ 2. She's <i>handy</i> around the house.      | b. doesn't know how to fix things |
| ___ 3. He has <i>a green thumb</i> .             | c. optimistic                     |
| ___ 4. He's <i>all heart</i> .                   | d. knows how to fix things        |
| ___ 5. He's very <i>mosey</i> .                  | e. has many responsibilities      |
| ___ 6. She's got <i>a lot on her shoulders</i> . | f. good at gardening              |
| ___ 7. She always <i>keeps her chin up</i> .     | g. very angry                     |
| ___ 8. He's <i>up in arms</i> .                  | h. asks about other people        |

### How About You?



Are you "all thumbs"? Do you have "two left feet"? Everybody has a few things he or she would like to do better. What do you wish you could do better? Why?

## LISTENING

Listen and choose the statement that is true based on what you hear.

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| 1. a. He has a dog.              | 4. a. He doesn't have to take biology. |
| b. He doesn't have a dog.        | b. He has to take biology.             |
| 2. a. She works the night shift. | 5. a. She can't type fast.             |
| b. She works the day shift.      | b. She can type fast.                  |
| 3. a. She's a musician.          | 6. a. They don't have a car.           |
| b. She's a teacher.              | b. They don't live in the city.        |



## PRONUNCIATION *Reduced would*

Listen. Then say it.

- Do you think the boss **would** be angry?
- Do you think the neighbors **would** be annoyed?
- Do you think Roy **would** be jealous?
- Do you think Ted **would** be disappointed?

Say it. Then listen.

- Do you think my parents **would** be disappointed?
- Do you think the voters **would** be upset?
- Do you think Julie **would** be mad?
- Do you think Matt **would** be embarrassed?



Write in your journal about something in your life you wish for. What do you wish? How would your life be different if your wish came true?



## CHAPTER SUMMARY

### GRAMMAR

#### PRESENT UNREAL CONDITIONAL (IF \_\_\_ WOULD)

Do you think the boss **would** be angry if I went home early?  
I **wouldn't** go home early if I were you.

if	I he she we you they	could dance,	you'd he'd she'd we'd you'd they'd	go dancing.
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If my TV weren't fixed,	I could I'd be able to	talk with my children.
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#### WISH-CLAUSES

I We You They	wish	I we you they	lived in New York. were more athletic. could dance. didn't live here.
He She	wishes	he she	weren't sick.

### KEY VOCABULARY

#### NOUNS

baby food  
baby picture  
beard  
classified ad  
day shift  
driver's ed  
fan  
foreign language  
full-time job  
high-rise building

Internet company  
night shift  
obituary  
part-time job  
pronunciation  
repairs  
spare time  
suburbs  
taxes  
view  
voter

#### VERBS

borrow  
commute  
concentrate  
convince  
drop out of  
evict  
go out with  
miss  
raise  
roll  
show  
skip

#### FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS

angry  
annoyed  
disappointed  
embarrassed  
jealous  
mad  
self-conscious  
unhappy  
upset

#### EXPRESSIONS

all thumbs  
better ear  
lose your shirt  
peace and quiet  
sick and tired  
two left feet