

Wish Clauses

- “She wished she could turn back time, undo the mistakes she had made and rewrite the course of history, but alas, she was left with nothing but regrets and the haunting refrain of 'if only' echoing in her mind” (The Great Gatsby, F. Scott Fitzgerald, p.76).
- “If only he had listened to the advice of his friends, he would not have fallen into the trap set by his enemies, and now he wished for a chance to make amends and set things right” (Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, J.K. Rowling, p. 208)
- “She longed for a peaceful resolution to the conflict, a world where people could live side by side in harmony; if only the leaders would set aside their differences and work towards a common goal, her wish might one day come true” (The Hunger Games, Suzanne Collins, p.54).
- “If only she had spoken up sooner, voiced her concerns and fears, perhaps the tragedy that befell them could have been averted; but now, all she could do was wish for a second chance, a chance to rewrite the past” (Little Fires Everywhere, Celeste Ng, p.23).
- “He wished for the strength to overcome his fears, to face the challenges that lay ahead with unwavering determination; if only he could find the courage within himself, he believed he could achieve greatness” (The Hobbit, J.R.R. Tolkien, p.66).
- “If only she had pursued her dreams instead of succumbing to the pressures of society, she might have found fulfillment and happiness in a life that was true to herself; now, she could only wish for a chance to rewrite her story” (The Bell Jar, Sylvia Plath, p.98).
- “He wished for a world where kindness prevailed over cruelty, where empathy triumphed over apathy; if only people could see the power of love and understanding, he believed that society could be transformed” (To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee, p.117).
- “If only he could travel back in time, relive those precious moments with his loved ones, and savor every second, knowing now how fleeting and fragile life truly was; he wished for the chance to appreciate what he had taken for granted” (The Time Traveler's Wife, Audrey Niffenegger, p.119).
- “She wished for the wisdom to make the right decisions, to navigate the complex web of life with grace and integrity; if only she could see the path ahead clearly, she believed she could forge a future filled with purpose and fulfillment” (The Alchemist, Paulo Coelho, p.98).
- “If only she could escape the confines of her mundane existence, break free from the chains of routine and embark on an adventure of self-discovery; she wished for the

courage to step outside her comfort zone and embrace the unknown” (Jane Eyre, Charlotte Brontë, p.59).

- "If only I had the power to heal the wounds that plague the hearts and minds of those around me, mending broken spirits, dispelling sorrow, and infusing hope and happiness into their lives, I would be a beacon of solace and redemption." (Charles Dickens, "Great Expectations" p. 79)
- "If only I could turn back time and undo the mistakes I've made." (Jane Austen, "Sense and Sensibility" P. 165)
- "I wish I could have been the one to save him from his tragic fate." (F. Scott Fitzgerald, "The Great Gatsby" P. 170)
- "If only I could step into the shoes of the characters within these pages, immersing myself in their lives and experiencing their triumphs and tribulations firsthand, my literary journey would transcend the boundaries of imagination." - Charlotte Brontë, "Jane Eyre" p. 321)
- "If only I had known then what I know now, I would have made different choices." (Emily Brontë, "Wuthering Heights" p. 313)
- "I wish I could be transported to a world where love conquers all." (Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice" p. 27)
- "If only I could escape this confining society and live life on my own terms." (Charlotte Brontë, "Jane Eyre" p. 51)
- "I wish I could freeze this moment in time, capturing its beauty and preserving it forever, so that I may relive the joy it brings whenever I desire." (Louisa May Alcott, "Little Women" p. 77)
- "If only I could change my appearance and be someone else, I would escape the hardships of my current life." (Oscar Wilde, "The Picture of Dorian Gray" p. 113)
- "I wish I possessed the ability to traverse the depths of the oceans, exploring the mysterious wonders that lie beneath the surface, unraveling the secrets they hold and communing with the creatures that call the underwater realm their home." (Jules Verne, "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" p. 419)
- “If only he knew what he himself wanted, what he wanted to be, he could be free to carry it through.” (Ian McEwan, *The Child in Time*, 1992: 138)
- “I wish he could hear how he sounds.” (Martin Amis, *Night Train*, 1999: 44)

- ““...Oh, if only I could have a good night’s sleep, but you see, I’m still listening for him. I was convinced last night I heard him get up and go out.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 77)
- ““She seems to think if only she’d got him to the doctor more quickly he might have lived for ever.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 79)
- ““He wishes she’d make more effort, but he doesn’t know how to say so; anyway, she has enough to cope with.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 108)
- ““If only he was like this all the time, he does have a good side, he sometimes sees she’s tired and makes her a cup of tea.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 151-152)
- ““It’s getting colder, he wishes he’d brought a coat, but it was so hot on the beach, he thought it would go on being hot.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 215)
- ““Kids are always saying they hate people, they wish they were dead, but they don’t mean it.”” (Pat Barker, *Another World*, 1999: 270)
- ““I wish there was a real doctor here,’ my mother said. ‘Why don’t you call someone?’” (Peter Ackroyd, *The House of Doctor Dee*, 1993:17)
- ““If only I didn’t find him! If only I were relieved of this responsibility, I could use all my strength for my own survival, to take care only of myself... Instantly, I felt ashamed, ashamed of myself forever.”” (Elie Wiesel, *Night*, 2006: 106)
- ““A log raft in the river invited him, and he seated himself on its outer edge and contemplated the dreary vastness of the stream, wishing, the while, that he could only be drowned, all at once and unconsciously, without undergoing the uncomfortable routine devised by nature.”” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007: 27)
- “[H]is face lit with the thought, and he said to himself that he wished he could be that child, if it was a tame lion.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007: 40)
- ““He generally began that day with wishing he had had no intervening holiday, it made the going into captivity and fetters again so much more odious.”” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007: 43)
- ““Tom lay thinking. Presently it occurred to him that he wished he was sick; then he could stay home from school.”” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007: 43)
- ““O, please auntie, don’t pull it out. It don’t hurt any more. I wish I may never stir if it does. Please don’t, auntie. I don’t want to stay home from school.”” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007:45)

- “I wish I’d said *Mister Williams*. But I never meant any harm. Everybody calls him Hoss.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007:64)
- “His mother had whipped him for drinking some cream which he had never tasted and knew nothing about; it was plain that she was tired of him and wished him to go.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007:83)
- “Two of the savages almost wished they had remained pirates. However, there was no other way.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007:106)
- “He wished there was some way to get that boy into trouble without much risk to himself.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007: 116)
- “He moped into the school-yard wishing she were a boy, and imagining how he would trounce her if she were.” (Mark Twain, *The adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 2007:120)