

|                | HOPE   | WISH   |
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| <b>USE</b>     | Use “hope” to express a desire for something that is <b>possible</b> or <b>likely</b> to happen.   | Use “wish” to express a desire for something that is <b>impossible</b> or <b>unlikely</b> to happen.   |
| <b>FUTURE</b>  | <p>1. <b>hope / present</b><br/>She hopes he passes the test.</p> <p>(2. <b>hope / will + base verb</b>)<br/>I hope you will be my roommate next year. (<i>I hope you are my roommate next year</i> is also correct.)</p> <p>(*Note: Because “hope” already indicates a future meaning, it is usually followed by a present verb, but “will” is possible for future emphasis.)</p> | <p>1. <b>wish / would + base verb</b><br/>I wish she would tell me her secret.</p> <p>2. <b>wish / were going to + base verb</b><br/>I wish you were going to graduate with the rest of your class tomorrow.</p> <p>3. <b>wish / could + base verb</b><br/>They wish we could be there next month.</p> |
| <b>PRESENT</b> | <p>1. <b>hope / present</b><br/>I hope she is on her way now.</p>  | <p>1. <b>wish / past</b><br/>I wish I knew how to use this software.</p> <p>2. <b>wish / past progressive</b><br/>They wish it weren't raining now.</p> <p>3. <b>wish / could + base verb</b><br/>They wish they could be here today.</p>  |
| <b>PAST</b>    | <p>1. <b>hope / past</b><br/>I hope he went to the meeting yesterday.</p> <p>(*Note: We don't often use “hope” to talk about something in the past, but it is possible if we don't know what happened with a past situation.)</p>  | <p>1. <b>wish / had + p.p.</b><br/>I wish I had passed the test.</p> <p>(*Note: In very informal speaking, <i>I wish I would have passed the test</i> is also possible.)</p> <p>2. <b>wish / could + have + p.p.</b><br/>My friend wishes she could have gone to the movie with us.</p>                |

