

	HOPE	WISH
USE	Use “hope” to express a desire for something that is possible or likely to happen.	Use “wish” to express a desire for something that is impossible or unlikely to happen.
FUTURE	<p>1. hope / present She hopes he passes the test.</p> <p>(2. hope / will + base verb) 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. wish / would + base verb I wish she would tell me her secret.</p> <p>2. wish / were going to + base verb I wish you were going to graduate with the rest of your class tomorrow.</p> <p>3. wish / could + base verb They wish we could be there next month.</p>
PRESENT	<p>1. hope / present I hope she is on her way now.</p>	<p>1. wish / past I wish I knew how to use this software.</p> <p>2. wish / past progressive They wish it weren't raining now.</p> <p>3. wish / could + base verb They wish they could be here today.</p>
PAST	<p>1. hope / past 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. wish / had + p.p. 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. wish / could + have + p.p. My friend wishes she could have gone to the movie with us.</p>

