Misused Verbs: Wishful Was/Were

Name:_____

When we daydream about things that we would like to happen, but that are not true, the verb does a funny thing. When we are wishing, the verb becomes "were" instead of "was". You can call it a special mood of grammar that we use whenever we start thinking, "what if....."

If I were 16, I'd be driving now.

If he were rich, he could buy whatever he wanted.

Do some wishful thinking for yourself, your family, and your friends. Complete the sentences below using the wishful form "were."

1. If I_____.

2. If my mom_____.

3. If my _____.

4. If our grandmother_____.

5. If my teacher_____.

6. If his dad_____.

7. If they_____.

8. If my best friend_____.

9. If we _____.

10. If my family and I_____.

11. If the school principal_____.

12. If your parents_____.

Make a wish!