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| **Offering and Expressing Want: Would Like** | | |
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| **FORM:** | 🡺 **to + verb.**  🡺 **noun.**  **Statement form: Subject + would like**  🡺 **to + verb?**  🡺 **noun?**  **Question form: Would + subject + like** |  |
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| **USE:** | **“Would like”** politely expresses a desire; it replaces **“want”.** In English, many people find the verb **“want”** to be too strong when you are asking for something or asking someone if they want something. **“Would like”** is less direct, and therefore more polite. | |
| **EXAMPLES:** | *Would you like to sit by the window? 🡺 Yes, I would like to sit by the*  *window.*  *Would you like some coffee? 🡺 Yes, I would like some coffee.* | |

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| *Read the following letters and fill in the blank spaces with the correct form of the expression.*  *The first one is done as an example.* |

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| 1**.** | Dear Tommy,  I will be shopping for your Christmas presents soon. Please tell me what you and your parents want.  Would you like a new sweater, or **(1)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a soccer ball? And your father,  **(2)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a few new golf clubs or **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a remote control for his  TV set? How is your mother? **(4)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an electric mixer or a leather briefcase?  Write soon.  Love,  Aunt Beth |
| 2**.** | Dear Aunt Beth,  Thank you for your letter. I **(5)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the soccer ball, but I wouldn’t like  a new sweater. My father is fine. I think **(6)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the golf clubs but  **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the remote control.  My mother will phone you soon. She **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the briefcase but she  **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the electric mixer.  Now, Aunt Beth, about YOUR gift **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a CD player , or  **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a tennis racquet?  Love,  Tommy. |