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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. |