

**1 You use *would like* to talk about something you want:****a *would like to + infinitive*:**

I would like to be able to speak several languages.  
They would like to know what time we'll be back home.

**b *would like + noun*:**

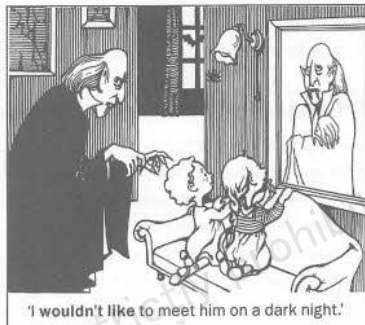
They would like seats in the non-smoking section.  
We would like an English-German dictionary, please.

**2 You can use the short form 'd for *would* after a pronoun:**

We'd like to go now, please.  
He'd like to see you again on Thursday, if possible.  
I'd like you to do this for homework, please.

**3 The negative is *would not like* or *wouldn't like*:**

Don't be late. The boss wouldn't like that.

**4 Stronger forms: *would like – would love / wouldn't like – would hate***

I'd love another ice-cream!  
You know what I'd love? I'd love to travel around the world.  
We'd hate to live somewhere cold.

**5 You use *want to* to talk about something you need or desire:****a *want to + infinitive*; negative *don't want to + infinitive*:**

I wanted to be a pilot when I was young.  
We don't want to go shopping this afternoon.  
Do you want to come with us?

**b *want + noun*; negative *don't want + noun*:**

Do you want a cup of tea?  
Who wants another piece of cake?  
I don't want dogs in my house.

Careful! You don't normally use *I want* when you are asking for something.

It is not polite. In a shop you don't say:

'I want a packet of chewing gum.'

It is better to say:

'Can/could I have a packet of chewing gum?' OR

'I'd like a packet of chewing gum, please.'



### A What do they want? Using the pictures, match the requests and the reasons:

- 1 'Can I have a packet of cigarettes and a box of matches?'
  - 2 'How much does it cost to stay in that hotel in France?'
  - 3 'Where is Park Street, please?'
  - 4 'Can I be excused, please?'
  - 5 'I need flour, eggs, sugar, butter, milk and apples.'
  - 6 'Please be quiet.'
  - 7 'Could I ask you a few questions, Prime Minister?'
  - 8 'Is this seat free?'
- a He wants to leave the room.
  - b She wants to sit down.
  - c She wants to make a cake.
  - d They want to go to a party.
  - e She wants to get some information.
  - f They want a holiday.
  - g He wants to study.
  - h He wants to smoke.



### B Look at this list. Give your reactions to some of the ideas using I'd like to ... or I'd love to ... or I wouldn't like to ... or I'd hate to ... :

e.g. I'd love to learn how to fly.

I wouldn't like to wake up at 4 a.m. every day.



'I'd \_\_\_\_\_ to find a spider in my bed.'

speak English fluently  
 speak several languages well  
 be able to cook  
 meet your favourite singer  
 be famous  
 go to New York next week  
 be very rich  
 have a sports car  
 find a spider in my bed  
 be 100 years old  
 be in hospital  
 live in a haunted house  
 live in another country  
 work in a noisy factory  
 be a teacher/politician/stuntman  
 wake up at 11 a.m. every day

### C Now find out three things your friend would like to do, and three things he/she wouldn't like to do.