## I'd like

This is a polite way to say what you want.

NOT I want



### MORE EXAMPLES >

A: "I'd like a ticket to Stanton City, please."

B: "One-way or a round-trip ticket?"

A: "Can I help you?"

B: "Yes, I'd like to send this package to Mexico City."

NOTE: a round-trip ticket = a ticket that takes you somewhere, then brings you back

# I've been waiting for a long time

Say this for something you are still doing now.



#### MORE EXAMPLES

"I hope we arrive soon. We've been sitting in this airplane for seven hours!"

"Please wake up the baby. He's been sleeping for four hours."

NOTE: I've = I have; we've = we have; he's = he has

# make up my mind



### MORE EXAMPLES

A: "Are you going to buy the blue car or the green car?"

B: "I don't know. I haven't made up my mind yet."

"He's finally **made up** his **mind**. He's going to study business."

# two weeks ago

two weeks before now



### MORE EXAMPLES

A: "I just got married."

B: "When?"

A: "Three days ago."

"He left the office five minutes **ago**. You just missed him."

#### cheers

Sometimes we say this before drinking alcohol to offer good wishes.

When we say this, we lift our glasses and touch them together.



#### MORE EXAMPLES >

A: "Cheers!"

B: "Cheers! To a long happy life."

A: "Cheers. To your health."

B: "Cheers."

For to, see page 101

# discuss something

talk about something

NOT discuss about something



#### MORE EXAMPLES

"We need to discuss the travel arrangements."

"We can **discuss the situation** at the meeting if you bring it up."

For bring it up, see page 178

## GRAB A PENCIL! • Puzzle #7

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#### ACROSS

- We bought this house 25 years \_\_\_."
- Can I help you, Sir?" "Yes, I'd \_\_\_ two coffees, please."
- Rearrange these letters to make a word that we sometimes say before drinking alcohol: ceresh

#### DOWN

- \* "I don't know. I can't \_\_\_ my mind."
- When can we talk about the computer problem?" • "We can \_\_\_ it now."
- 5) "I'm studying now. I'm tired because I've \_\_\_\_ studying for three hours!"

For answers, see page 365