

## Would you like...?

'I would like' means 'I want.' People often say 'I would like' to be more polite.

For example: *"I want a coffee"* sounds a little rude.

*"I would like a coffee, please"* sounds more polite.

Note: 'I would like' is often shortened to 'I'd like.'

For example: *"I'd like a chicken sandwich, please."*



### 1. Read the conversation and answer the questions below.

Tommy: What would you like for Christmas?

Jack: I would like a skateboard for Christmas, but I don't think my dad will buy me one.

Tommy: Why not?

Jack: He says it's too dangerous. I think he would like to give me a bike for Christmas instead.

Tommy: Ah cool! I'd like a new bike, but my parents say I don't need one.

Jack: Why not?

Tommy: Well, they gave me one two years ago. It's ok, but it's too small for me now.

Jack: Well, I'm smaller than you, so you could give it to me!

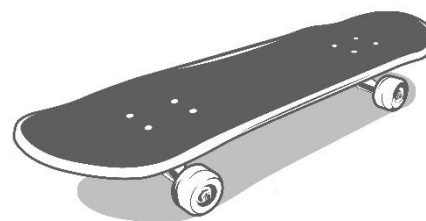
Tommy: I'm sorry, I don't think my parents would like that.

Jack: Ok, no problem. What would you like for Christmas?

Tommy: I'd like a video game, but my parents will never buy me that for Christmas. They always buy me books for Christmas.

Jack: Do you read a lot of books?

Tommy: No, I don't, but my parents would like me to read more, so every Christmas and every birthday they buy me books.



- a) Why doesn't Jack's Dad want to buy him a skateboard for Christmas? *Too dangerous*
- b) Why would Jack like a new bike for Christmas? *His current bike is too small*
- c) Why can't Jack give his bike to Tommy? *His parents wouldn't like it.*
- d) Why does Jack get books for Christmas and his birthday? *His parents would like him to read more*

#### 'Would you like' questions

For yes or no questions, the structure is 'would' + (pronoun) + 'like.'

For example: *"Would they like to come to my birthday party?"*

For open questions, the structure is (Question word) + 'would' + (pronoun) + 'like.'

For example: *"Where (question word) would you like to go for your next holiday?"*



2. Complete the questions below with: *what, when, where, why, who, or how*. More than one correct answer is possible.

- a) *What* would you like to eat for dinner tonight?
- b) *Where* would you like to go this weekend?
- c) *How/where* would you like to celebrate your next birthday?
- d) *Who* would you like to meet?
- e) *What* country would you like to visit, and *why/when* would you like to visit it?
- f) *Who* would you like to spend Christmas with?
- g) *How/why* would you like to improve your English?
- h) *What* would you like to try that you've never tried before?
- i) *Where* would you like to take someone visiting your city for the first time?



3. Ask and answer the questions above with your partner. Try to use 'I'd like' in your answers.

### 'Would you like' in Cafes and Restaurants

"I'd like" is very often used to ask for food and drinks in cafes and restaurants. Read the example conversation below.

Waiter: "Hello, what would you like for starters?"

Customer: "I'd like the vegetable soup please."



4. Look at the menu with a partner and take turns being the waiter and the customer.

For example: Waiter: *"What would you like to drink?"* Customer: *"I would like a milkshake please."*



 **5. Go around the class and try to find one person who would like to do one of the things below.**

Would you like to ...?

visit Japan?	have a pet cat?	spend Christmas in another country?
play video games all day?	live next to your school or work?	eat ice cream for breakfast?
learn to paint or draw?	travel by train across Europe?	learn French?
live on a farm?	go bungee jumping?	climb a mountain?



**6. Now write five sentences about your classmates and what they said.**

For example: *"John would like to eat ice cream for breakfast, he loves chocolate ice cream."*

- 1) .....
- 2) .....
- 3) .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....