

want to, would like to, going to

Wishes and future arrangements

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

Staying

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Wishes and future arrangements

Want to expresses a wish: **I want to stay.** **Would like to** is a polite or softer version: **I'd like to book a room.** Both take **to** plus a base verb.

Use a future plan with **going to**: **I'm going to visit London.** A fixed timetable or appointment can use present simple: **The interview starts at ten.** You do not need a future auxiliary for every future time reference.

The present continuous is also natural for an arranged activity: **I'm meeting Anna on Monday.** Keep the day or context clear.

Form	Example	Meaning
to	I want to stay here.	State a wish to stay.
book	I'd like to book a room.	Make a polite booking request.
visit	I'm going to visit London.	State a future plan.
starts	The interview starts at ten on Monday.	Describe a fixed future appointment.
meeting	I'm meeting Anna on Monday.	Describe an arranged future meeting.
like	I would like to think about it.	Make a polite request for time to consider.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

- 1 I want to stay here.

Meaning: State a wish to stay.

- 2 I'd like to book a room.

Meaning: Make a polite booking request.

- 3 I'm going to visit London.

Meaning: State a future plan.

- 4 The interview starts at ten on Monday.

Meaning: Describe a fixed future appointment.

- 5 I'm meeting Anna on Monday.

Meaning: Describe an arranged future meeting.

- 6 I would like to think about it.

Meaning: Make a polite request for time to consider.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

- 1 I want _____ stay here.

- ☐ A for
- ☐ B to
- ☐ C at

Meaning: State a wish to stay.

- 2 I'd like to _____ a room.

- ☐ A booking
- ☐ B books
- ☐ C book

Meaning: Make a polite booking request.

3 I'm going to _____ London.

- ☐ A visits
- ☐ B visit
- ☐ C visiting

Meaning: State a future plan.

4 The interview _____ at ten on Monday.

- ☐ A starts
- ☐ B start
- ☐ C starting

Meaning: Describe a fixed future appointment.

5 I'm _____ Anna on Monday.

- ☐ A meet
- ☐ B meets
- ☐ C meeting

Meaning: Describe an arranged future meeting.

6 I would _____ to think about it.

- ☐ (A) liking
- ☐ (B) likes
- ☐ (C) like

Meaning: Make a polite request for time to consider.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

to for

I want _____ stay here.

Meaning: State a wish to stay.

book books

I'd like to _____ a room.

Meaning: Make a polite booking request.

visit visits

I'm going to _____ London.

Meaning: State a future plan.

starts start

The interview _____ at ten on Monday.

Meaning: Describe a fixed future appointment.

meeting meet

I'm _____ Anna on Monday.

Meaning: Describe an arranged future meeting.

like likes

I would _____ to think about it.

Meaning: Make a polite request for time to consider.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 here. I want to stay

Meaning: State a wish to stay.

2 book to room. a like I'd

Meaning: Make a polite booking request.

3 going to I'm London. visit

Meaning: State a future plan.

4 on Monday. at ten starts The interview

Meaning: Describe a fixed future appointment.

5 Monday. I'm on meeting Anna

Meaning: Describe an arranged future meeting.

6 it. about I think would to like

Meaning: Make a polite request for time to consider.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 State a wish to stay. You say:

- ☐ A I want to stay here.
- ☐ B I want for stay here.

2 Make a polite booking request. You say:

- ☐ A I'd like to books a room.
- ☐ B I'd like to book a room.

3 State a future plan. You say:

- ☐ A I'm going to visits London.
- ☐ B I'm going to visit London.

4 Describe a fixed future appointment. You say:

- ☐ A The interview starts at ten on Monday.
- ☐ B The interview start at ten on Monday.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| ① I'm going to visit London. | ① State a future plan. |
| ② I want to stay here. | ② Describe an arranged future meeting. |
| ③ I would like to think about it. | ③ Describe a fixed future appointment. |
| ④ The interview starts at ten on Monday. | ④ Make a polite booking request. |
| ⑤ I'd like to book a room. | ⑤ Make a polite request for time to consider. |
| ⑥ I'm meeting Anna on Monday. | ⑥ State a wish to stay. |