

**want**

1. [wɒnt] *n*
- (of) недостаток, нехватка, отсутствие (*чего-л.*)  
for /from/ want of smth. - из-за недостатка /из-за отсутствия, из-за нехватки/ чего-л.; за неимением чего-л.  
want of common sense - отсутствие здравого смысла, легкомыслие  
want of judg(e)ment - необдуманность; необдуманное решение  
want of appetite - отсутствие аппетита  
want of wind - безветрие  
want of rain - бездожде  
the plant died from want of water - растение погибло от недостатка влаги  
your work shows want of care [of thought] - вы работаете недостаточно внимательно [вдумчиво]
  - (of) потребность, необходимость, нужда (*в чём-л.*)  
to be in want of smth. - нуждаться *или* испытывать потребность (*в чём-л.*)  
I am in want of a good dictionary - мне нужен /мне необходим/ хороший словарь  
to be in want of money - нуждаться в деньгах  
the house is in want of repair - дом нуждается в ремонте
  - нужда, бедность  
to live in want - жить в бедности /в нищете/  
to be reduced to /to fall into/ want - впасть в нищету
  - обыкн. pl* желание, стремление, потребность  
my wants are few - мои потребности невелики  
we can supply all your wants - мы можем удовлетворить все ваши запросы
  - геол.* эрозионное замещение
2. [wɒnt] *v*
- хотеть, желать  
he wants to go - он хочет уйти  
he wants me to go - он хочет, чтобы я ушёл  
I want you to copy this letter without any mistakes - пожалуйста, перепишите это письмо без единой ошибки  
he wants adventure - он ищет /жаждет/ приключений
  - 1) испытывать недостаток (*в чём-л.*)  
he wants energy - ему недостаёт энергии  
your answer wants courtesy - это не очень вежливый ответ  
a few pages of the book were wanting - в книге не хватало нескольких страниц  
the head of the statue is wanting, the statue wants the head - у статуи нет головы  
fortunately he wants the power to do it - к счастью, у него нет возможности сделать это  
he certainly does not want intelligence - он отнюдь не глуп  
it wants ten minutes to two - сейчас без десяти два  
it wants twelve minutes of midnight - до полуночи осталось двенадцать минут  
it wants an inch of the regulation measurement - на полдюйма меньше установленного размера  
there wants only a spark to set all aflame - недостаёт только искры, чтобы всё вспыхнуло  
there wants but his approval - недостаёт только его согласия
  - 2) нуждаться (*в ком-л.*)  
don't go, I want you - не уходите, вы мне нужны  
don't leave me, I want you, Jane - не оставляй меня, я не могу (жить) без тебя, Джейн  
your country wants you - ты нужен своей стране
  - 1) (*часто for*) нуждаться, испытывать недостаток, потребность (*в чём-л., в ком-л.*)  
to want for nothing - ни в чём не нуждаться, иметь всё необходимое  
he never wants for friends - он никогда не испытывает недостатка в друзьях, у него всегда хватает друзей
  - want help•• - *мор.* нуждаюсь в помощи (*сигнал*)
  - 2) бедствовать; жить в нужде  
we must not let them want in their old age - нельзя допускать, чтобы они в старости бедствовали
  - 1) требовать, вызывать (*кого-л.*); хотеть видеть (*кого-л.*)  
the chief wants you - начальник вызывает вас  
mother wants you - мама зовёт тебя  
tell Jones I want him - пошлите /вызовите/ ко мне Джонса  
I want you for a few minutes - зайди ко мне на несколько минут  
call me if I am wanted - если я понадобится, позовите меня  
you won't be wanted today - сегодня вы не понадобитесь
  - 2) разыскивать  
he is wanted by the police - его разыскивает полиция
  - разг.* быть нужным, необходимым; требоваться  
you want to see a doctor - вам следует показаться врачу  
you want to look like a student - ты должен быть похож на студента  
you badly want a new hat - вам совершенно необходима новая шляпа  
you want to eat before you go - вам надо поесть до отъезда  
it wants to be done with great care - это нужно сделать очень осторожно  
this dress wants washing - это платье не мешает выстирать  
my shoes want repairing - мои ботинки просятся в починку

**want** [want wants wanted wanting] verb, noun *BrE* [wɒnt] <sup>1</sup> *NAmE* [wɑːnt] <sup>1</sup>

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verb **transitive** (not usually used in the progressive tenses)

## WISH

**1.** to have a desire or a wish for sth

- ~ **sth** Do you want some more tea?
- She's always wanted a large family.
- **All I want is** the truth.
- Thanks for the present— it's **just what I wanted** .
- I can do whatever I want.
- **The last thing I wanted was to** upset you.
- The party wants her as leader.
- ~ **(to do sth)** What do you want to do tomorrow?
- 'It's time you did your homework.' 'I don't want to!'
- There are two points which I wanted to make.
- **I just wanted** to know if everything was all right.
- (*informal*) You can come too, **if you want** .
- ~ **sb/sth to do sth** Do you want me to help?
- We didn't want this to happen.
- I want it (to be) done as quickly as possible. Notice that you cannot say 'want that...': I want that you do it quickly. When the infinitive is used after **want**, it must have **to**: I want study in America.
- ~ **sb/sth doing sth** I don't want you coming so late.
- ~ **sb/sth + adj.** Do you want your coffee black or white?

## NEED

**2.** (*informal*) to need sth

- ~ **sth** We'll want more furniture for the new office.
- What this house wants is a good clean.
- It wants a special sort of person for that job.
- ~ **doing sth** The plants want watering daily.
- ~ **to be/have sth** The plants want to be watered daily.

**3.** **usually passive** ~ **sb (+ adv./prep.)** to need sb to be present in the place or for the purpose mentioned

- She's wanted immediately in the director's office.
- Excuse me, you're wanted on the phone.

**see also** ↑wanted

## SHOULD/UGHT TO

**4.** ~ **to do sth** (*informal*) used to give advice to sb, meaning 'should' or 'ought to'

- If possible, you want to avoid alcohol.
- He wants to be more careful.
- You don't want to do it like that.

## FEEL SEXUAL DESIRE

**5.** ~ **sb** to feel sexual desire for sb

## LACK

**6.** ~ **sth** (*formal*) to lack sth

**Syn:** short of

- He doesn't want courage.

**more at** want none of sth **at** ↑none <sup>pron.</sup>, have/play/take/want no part in/of sth **at** ↑part <sup>n.</sup>, have/want no truck with sb/sth **at** ↑truck <sup>n.</sup>, waste not, want not **at** ↑waste <sup>v.</sup>, have/want it both ways **at** ↑way <sup>n.</sup>

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	want
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒnt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːnt/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːnt/
he / she / it	wants
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒnts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːnts/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːnts/
past simple, past participle	
	wanted
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒntəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːntəd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːntəd/
-ing form	
	wanting
	<i>BrE</i> /wɒntɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːntɪŋ/
	<i>NAmE</i> /wɑːntɪŋ/

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notion of “lack” was early extended to “need” and from this developed the sense ‘desire’.

More About:

**offers and invitations**

Would you like...? is the most usual polite question form for offers and invitations, especially in *BrE*: ▪ Would you like a cup of coffee?

Do you want...? is less formal and more direct. It is more common in *NAmE* than in *BrE*: ▪ We’re going to a club tonight. Do you want to come with us?

Would you care...? is very formal and now sounds old-fashioned

Example Bank:

- All I want is the truth.
- I just want you to be happy.
- If you truly want to help, just do as I say.
- Thanks for the present— it’s just what I’ve always wanted.
- ‘I want you so much,’ she whispered in his ear.
- ‘It’s time you did your homework.’ ‘I don’t want to!’
- Alice, please don’t leave me. I want you. I need you. I can’t live without you.
- Excuse me, you’re wanted on the phone.
- I don’t want you coming home so late.
- I want it done quickly.
- I want to study in America.
- I want you to do it quickly.
- She’s always wanted a large family.
- She’s wanted immediately in the director’s office.
- The last thing I wanted was to upset you.
- We didn’t want this to happen.
- We’ll want more furniture for the new office.
- You can come too, if you want.

Idioms: ↑for want of something ▪ ↑in want of something ▪ ↑not for want of doing something ▪ ↑not want to know ▪ ↑want rid of somebody ▪ ↑what do you want?

Derived ↑want for something ▪ ↑want in ▪ ↑want in something ▪ ↑want out ▪ ↑want out of something ▪ ↑want something out of somebody

noun (formal)

**STH YOU NEED**

1. **countable, usually plural** something that you need or want

- She spent her life pandering to the wants of her children.

**LACK**

2. **uncountable, singular ~ of sth** (formal) a situation in which there is not enough of sth; a lack of sth

- a want of adequate medical facilities

**BEING POOR**

3. **uncountable** (formal) the state of being poor, not having food, etc

- Visitors to the slums were clearly shocked to see so many families living **in want** .

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Example Bank:

- Society can’t satisfy all human wants.
- Thousands of children are living in want.
- a society that satisfied all human wants
- The snail does not need to travel far to satisfy all its bodily wants.
- There is a want of adequate medical facilities.
- We call our music ‘postmodern’ for want of a better word.

**want**

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I. **want**<sup>1</sup> **S1 W1** /wɒnt \$ wɑnt, wɑnt *BrE* " *AmE* " verb [not usually in progressive]

[Word Family: verb: ↑want; noun: ↑want; adjective: ↑wanted ≠ ↑unwanted]

[Date: 1100-1200; Language: Old Norse; Origin: vanta]

1. **DESIRE** [transitive] to have a desire for something:

- I really want a drink.
- What do you want for your birthday?
- She’d always wanted to go to Thailand.

- I don't want Linda to hear about this.
  - He didn't want the holiday to end.
  - You can order whatever you want.
  - This shampoo is mild enough to use every day if you want.
  - If she doesn't get what she wants, she's not happy.
  - He wanted that job so badly he was willing to kill for it.
  - They desperately wanted a son.
  - What I want to know is when we're going to get paid.
  - All I want is the chance to prove myself.
  - Oh thank you, it's just what I've always wanted.
2. **NEED** [transitive] used to say that you need something or to ask someone firmly to do something for you:
- Do you still want these magazines, or can I throw them out?
- want something done**
- I want that letter typed today.
- want somebody to do something**
- I want you to find out what they're planning.
- make you want to cry/throw up etc** (=give you a strong feeling that you must do something)
- It always makes me want to sneeze.
  - What do you want with a tool kit (=what do you need it for)?
- want doing** *British English informal* (=need to be done)
- The carpet really wants cleaning.
3. **OFFER** [transitive] used when offering or suggesting something to someone:
- Do you want a drink?
  - Do you want me to come with you?
  - Want a game of chess?
  - Who wants a cup of coffee (=used to offer something to a group of people)?
4. **SHOULD** [transitive] *especially spoken British English* used to say that something is sensible or that someone should do it, especially when giving advice
- may/might want to do something**
- You might want to install anti-virus software.
- wouldn't want to do something** (=used to say something would not be a good idea)
- I wouldn't want to come here at night.
- want to do something**
- You want to see a doctor about that cough.
  - You don't want to leave that – it'll get wet.
5. **what do you want?** used to ask, often in a slightly rude way, what someone wants you to give them, do for them etc:
- What do you want now? I'm busy.
  - What do you want – chocolate or vanilla?
6. **ASK FOR SOMEBODY** [transitive] to ask for someone to come and talk to you, or to come to a particular place:
- You're wanted on the phone.
  - Christine wants you in her office now.
7. **LACK** [intransitive and transitive] *formal* to suffer because you do not have something:
- In many poorer countries, people still want basic food and shelter.
8. **if you want**
- a) used to offer to do something:
- I'll come with you if you want.
- b) used to invite someone to do something or to give them permission:
- Join in if you want.
  - You can stay if you want to.
- c) used when someone suggests doing something, to say that you will do it, although you do not especially want to:
- 'Hey, shall we go to the beach?' 'If you want.'
9. **who wants ...?** used to say that you do not like something or do not think that it is worth doing:
- Who wants to go to a noisy disco anyway?
10. **I just wanted to say/know etc** used to politely say something, ask about something etc:
- I just wanted to check that the meeting is still on next week.
11. **I don't want to sound/be ..., but ...** used to be polite when you are going to tell someone something that may upset them:
- I don't want to sound rude, but I think you've had too much to drink.
12. **SEX** [transitive] *informal* if you want someone, you want to have sex with them
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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adverbs

- **very much** She very much wanted to do the right thing.
- **badly** How badly do you want to win?
- **desperately** He desperately wants his mum and dad to get back together.
- **really** Do you really want to succeed?
- **just** I just want to be left alone.

### ■ phrases

- **whatever /anything you want** Now he can do whatever he wants.
- **whenever you want** Joanna is happy for him to see his son whenever he wants.

- **wherever you want** You can park wherever you want.
- **if you want (to)** You can go if you want.
- **get what you want** You've got what you wanted, so you might as well leave.
- **do what you want** You can do what you want, instead of being told what to do.
- **what I want to do is ...** What I want to do is develop the skills I already have.
- **all I want is ...** All I want is a normal life.
- **it's just what I've always wanted** (=used to thank someone for a present that you really like) Thanks for the bread machine – it's just what I've always wanted.

**want for something** *phrasal verb*

**not want for something/want for nothing** to have something you need, or everything you need:

- Say what you like, my kids never wanted for anything.

**want in** *phrasal verb informal*

1. **especially American English** to want to be involved in something:

- You want in, Mike?

2. to want to go into a place:

- The dog wants in.

**want out** *phrasal verb informal*

1. to want to stop being involved in something:

- She was fed up and she wanted out.

2. to want to leave a place:

- I think the cat wants out.

II. **want**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* <sup>2</sup> *AmE* <sup>2</sup> *noun*

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1. **for (the) want of something** used to say that you do not have or cannot find what you need in a particular situation:

- The gallery closed down for want of funding.

2. **for want of a better word/phrase etc** used to say that you cannot find an exact word or phrase to describe something:

- They should behave, for want of a better word, decently.

3. **not for want of (doing) something** used to say that even though something did not happen or succeed, it was not because you did not try hard enough or have what you needed:

- Well, if he doesn't get the job it won't be for want of trying!

4. **for want of anything better (to do)** if you do something for want of anything better, you do it only because there is nothing else you want to do

5. **LACK** [uncountable and countable] *formal* something that you need but do not have:

- a disgraceful want of proper care

6. **NO FOOD/MONEY ETC** [uncountable] a situation in which you do not have enough food, money, clothes etc:

- the chronic want and deprivation in the townships

7. **be in want of something** *formal* to need something:

- The house is sadly in want of repair.

## want

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