

Like, Want, Would Like

¡No te confundas!

Want (Querer)

Do you want . . . ?

¿Quieres...?

Did you want...?

¿Querías...? O ¿Quisiste...?

Like (Gustar)

Do you like . . . ?

¿Te gusta...?

Did you like...?

¿Te gustaba...? / ¿Te gustó...?

Would like

(fórmula educada, amable para "querer") It means **want**. It does not mean like.

Would you like . . . ?

¿Querrías...? (petición amable). En español, a menudo decimos sólo "¿Quieres...? Pero en inglés, si pretendes ser amable, educada/o, pregunta con el "would".

Traduce los ejemplos:

(Gina has some candy. Al doesn't have any candy.)

Gina: Do you want some candy, Al? (friendly / casual = informal)

Would you like some candy, Al? (polite = educado)

Al: No, thanks. (Al doesn't **want** any candy.)

(There's a good movie tonight. Bob hopes Cathy will go with him.)

Bob: There's a really good movie tonight. Would you like to see it with me?

(Why does Bob use would like?)

Cathy: Yes, I'd like that very much. (Why does Cathy use would like?)

Other examples:

I like green tea. (I enjoy drinking green tea.)

I'd like green tea. (I want some green tea.)

I like visiting Internet chatrooms. (I enjoy that - a hobby.)

I'd like to visit Internet chatrooms. (I probably haven't visited Internet chatrooms, but this is something I want to do.)

Special Note:

Negative answers for polite "Would like . . .?" questions usually don't use "would like."

Instead, polite answers are usually "No, thank you" or something similar.