

Would you like ... ? I'd like ...

A Would you like ... ? = Do you want ... ?

We use **Would you like ... ?** to offer things:

- A: **Would you like** some coffee?
B: No, thank you.
- A: **Would you like** a chocolate?
B: Yes, please.
- A: **What would you like**, tea or coffee?
B: Tea, please.



We use **Would you like to ... ?** to invite somebody:

- **Would you like to go** for a walk?
- A: **Would you like to have** dinner with us on Sunday?
B: Yes, **I'd love to.** (= I would love to have dinner with you)
- **What would you like to do** this evening?

B I'd like ... is a polite way to say 'I want'. I'd like = I would like:

- I'm thirsty. **I'd like** a drink.
- (in a tourist office) **I'd like** some information about hotels, please.
- **I'd like to see** the film on television this evening.

C Would you like ... ? and Do you like ... ?

Would you like ... ? / I'd like ...



Would you like some tea? = Do you want some tea?

- A: **Would you like** to go to the cinema tonight? (= Do you want to go tonight?)
B: Yes, I'd love to.
- **I'd like** an orange, please. (= Can I have an orange?)
- **What would you like** to do next weekend?

Do you like ... ? / I like ...



Do you like tea? = Do you think tea is nice?

- A: **Do you like** going to the cinema? (in general)
B: Yes, I go to the cinema a lot.
- **I like** oranges. (in general)
- **What do you like** to do at weekends?

EXERCISES

35.1 What are the people in the pictures saying? Use **Would you like ... ?**

1 Would you like a chocolate?	2 	3
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35.2 What do you say to Sue in these situations? Use **Would you like to ... ?**

- You want to go to the cinema tonight. Perhaps Sue will go with you. (go)
You say: Would you like to go to the cinema tonight?
- You want to play tennis tomorrow. Perhaps Sue will play too. (play)
You say:
- You've got some holiday photographs. Sue hasn't seen them yet. (see)
You say:
- You have an extra ticket for a concert next week. Perhaps Sue will go. (go)
You say:
- It's raining and Sue is going out. She hasn't got an umbrella but you have one. (borrow)
You say:

35.3 Which is right?

- 'Do you like / Would you like a chocolate?' 'Yes, please.' Would you like is right
- 'Do you like / Would you like bananas?' 'Yes, I love them.'
- 'Do you like / Would you like an ice-cream?' 'No, thank you.'
- 'What do you like / would you like to drink?' 'A glass of water, please.'
- 'Do you like / Would you like to go out for a walk?' 'Not now. Perhaps later.'
- I like / I'd like tomatoes but I don't eat them very often.
- What time do you like / would you like to have dinner this evening?
- 'Do you like / Would you like something to eat?' 'No, thanks. I'm not hungry.'
- 'Do you like / Would you like your new job?' 'Yes, I'm enjoying it.'
- I'm tired. I like / I'd like to go to sleep now.