

Lesson Plan: "Would like" for requests

Level	Beginner (A1–A2)
Time	45–60 minutes
Skills	Grammar, speaking
Focus	Would like for polite requests and offers in everyday situations

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- Use would like to make polite requests in everyday situations
- Form questions with would like: 'Would you like...?'
- Distinguish would like (polite desire) from like (general preference)
- Use would like naturally in restaurant, shop, and service situations

TARGET LANGUAGE (EXAMPLES)

Would like — statements

- I'd like a coffee, please.
- She'd like to speak to the manager.
- We'd like a table for two.

Would like — questions

- Would you like some water?
- Would you like to try the soup?
- What would you like to order?

Would like vs. like

- I like coffee. (general, always true)
- I'd like a coffee. (now, a specific request)
- Would you like tea? (offer) vs. Do you like tea? (habit)

LESSON PROCEDURE

1. Warm-up (5 min)

Task: Roleplay: teacher is a waiter. Students order using 'I want...' — teacher models polite correction.

- 'Can you say that more politely?' → 'I'd like...'

2. Presentation (10 min)

Task: Present would like with a restaurant menu as context.

- Contraction: I would like → I'd like.
- Show would like to + verb: 'I'd like to pay the bill.'

3. Guided practice (10 min)

Task: Rewrite requests using would like.

- 'I want a glass of water.' → 'I'd like a glass of water, please.'
- 'Do you want tea or coffee?' → 'Would you like tea or coffee?'

4. Role play (15–20 min)

Task: Restaurant scenario: students take turns as waiter and customer.

- Provide a simple menu. Students order full meals using would like.
- Extend: include special requests — 'I'd like it without onions, please.'

5. Reflection (5 min)

Task: When do we use 'like' vs. 'would like'? Students explain in their own words.

EXTENSION / HOMEWORK

Choose one:

1. Write a dialogue at a coffee shop ordering drinks and food (10 lines) using would like.
2. Write 6 sentences using would like to express things you want to do this weekend.
3. Rewrite 5 informal requests to make them more polite using would like.