

## Velle – to want

In Latin, you can use 'velle' plus an infinitive verb to show when someone wants to do something. In the present tense, it looks like this:

<b>volo</b> I want	<b>volumus</b> we want
<b>vis</b> you want	<b>vultis</b> y'all want
<b>vult</b> he/she/it wants	<b>volunt</b> they want

Exercise 1 – What do I want to do?

Translate the sentences into English using 'I want'. The first one is done for you.

1. ridere volo.

*I want to laugh.*

2. manere volo.

*I want to stay.*

3. scribere volo.

*I want to write.*

4. sedere volo.

*I want to sit.*

5. fabulam narrare volo.

*I want to tell a story.*

6. canes curare volo.

*I want to look after dogs.*

7. bene cantare volo.

*I want to sing well.*

8. matrem visitare volo.

*I want to visit mum.*

9. panem consumere volo.

*I want to eat the bread.*

10. montem ascendere volo.

*I want to climb the mountain.*

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Exercise 2 – Who wants to do what?

These sentences contain all six variations of 'velle'. Translate the sentence into English. The first one is done for you.

1. infans lacrimare vult.

The baby wants to cry.

2. porcos capere volumus.

We want to capture the pigs.

3. duces urbem mutare volunt.

The leaders want to change the city.

4. maga umbras videre vult.

The witch wants to see the ghosts (/shadows).

5. in horto sedere volo.

I want to sit in the garden.

6. fratrem audire non vis.

You do not want to hear your brother.

7. mater et pater villam novam construere volunt.

Mum and dad want to build a new house.

8. "pacem volumus!" dixit regina quieta.

"We want peace!" said the calm queen.

9. cur medicum visitare vultis?

Why do you want to visit the doctor?

10. aquamne portare vis?

Do you want to carry the water?