



# WANTING

## Want in the continuous form.

Most uses of want involve the simple forms of the verb (want, wants, wanted). However, when we are talking about wishes or desires we can also use the continuous form (am wanting, was wanting, will be wanting, have been wanting, had been wanting)

- I've been wanting to watch that film for ages!
- I've been wanting to talk to you about this for a while.

### **With the adverbs forever, always and constantly to show annoyance about a repeated habit:**

- I know I quit, but I'm constantly wanting a cigarette.
- He is always wanting to impress the boss.

### **To make requests and questions more polite and less direct:**

- Sorry to interrupt. I was wanting to borrow the car.
- We're wanting to buy a new TV, but we're not sure what to get.
- Will you be wanting dinner?
- I was wanting to ask you something. Are you free right now?

### **to describe feelings about sth that is happening right now or that you have just seen or heard about:**

- Suddenly I'm wanting to know more about this man.

## **Wanting** - adjective (not before noun) - formal

### **Be wanting in something : not having something; lacking.**

- I think she's perhaps a little wanting in charm.
- My father is wanting in patience.

### **Be found wanting**

not as good as something should be

- Their security procedures were found wanting.
- Their defence was found wanting.