



Want ~고 싶어요

To say 'want' in Korean, you must attach the ending ~고 싶어요 [~go si-peo-yo] to an action verb to indicate that you want to do that action. For example, if you want to say 'I want to eat' in Korean you simply attach ~고 싶어요 to the verb 먹다 (to eat) to make 먹고 싶어요 (I want to eat.).

'What do you want to do?' in Korean is 뭐 하고 싶어요? This is made up of 뭐 (what) plus 하다 (to do) plus ~고 싶어요 (want). To make other questions, such as 'What do you want to eat?' / 'What do you want to watch?', etc, simply replace the 하다 verb with a different verb.

Example Sentences

Korean

A: 뭐 하고 싶어요?
[mweo ha-go si-peo-yo?]

B: 영화 보고 싶어요.
[yeong-hwa bo-go si-peo-yo]

A: 뭐 먹고 싶어요?
[mweo meok-go si-peo-yo?]

B: 치킨 먹고 싶어요.
[chi-kin meok-go si-peo-yo]

English

A: What do you want to do?
B: I want to watch a movie.

A: What do you want to eat?
B: I want to eat chicken.