UNIT 24

Wanting Something

Goal: say what you want to do (가고 싶어요, 먹고 싶어요 …) and ask 뭐 하고 싶어요?. The wish goes at the very end.

Three big ideas.

1. **I want to …** = the action in its wish form, ending in 싶어요. Learn each wish as one whole piece: 가요 → 가고 싶어요, 먹어요 → 먹고 싶어요.
2. **The wish goes at the very end** of the sentence, like every action word: 저는 한국에 가고 싶어요.
3. **Ask with the question word in the seat** (Unit 20): 뭐 하고 싶어요? 어디 가고 싶어요? A polite no: 아니요, 괜찮아요.

Exercise 1 · Read out loud (no English!)

Read each row out loud, then tick the boxes. Your voice goes up at the end of every question.

Read 1	집에 가고 싶어요. 영화 보고 싶어요.	☐☐
Read 2	김밥 먹고 싶어요. 커피 마시고 싶어요.	☐☐
Read 3	이거 사고 싶어요. 친구 만나고 싶어요.	☐☐
Read 4	자고 싶어요. 쉬고 싶어요.	☐☐
Read 5	한국어 공부하고 싶어요.	☐☐
Read 6	뭐 하고 싶어요? 어디 가고 싶어요?	☐☐
Read 7	저는 한국에 가고 싶어요.	☐☐

Exercise 2 · New word and wish pieces

Read each one out loud, then write the English. Word bank: **rest** · **want to go** · **want to watch** · **want to eat** · **want to drink** · **want to buy** · **want to meet** · **want to sleep**.

쉬어요	_____
가고 싶어요	_____
보고 싶어요	_____
먹고 싶어요	_____
마시고 싶어요	_____
사고 싶어요	_____
만나고 싶어요	_____
자고 싶어요	_____

쉬어요 is the one new verb: “rest.” Its wish is 쉬고 싶어요. 보고 싶어요 here means “want to watch / see”: 영화 보고 싶어요.

Exercise 3 · Turn the action into a wish

Write the wish piece for each action. Use the list in the lesson.

가요	→	_____
먹어요	→	_____
마셔요	→	_____
사요	→	_____
만나요	→	_____
자요	→	_____

Each one changes a little, so just learn them as pieces: 마셔요 becomes 마시고 싶어요.

Exercise 4 · Match the Korean with the meaning

Write the letter of the correct meaning next to each Korean phrase.

먹고 싶어요	_____	a. I want to sleep.
자고 싶어요	_____	b. I want to eat.
쉬고 싶어요	_____	c. I want to go.
가고 싶어요	_____	d. I want to rest.

싶어요 is the “want” part at the very end. The wish goes at the very end.

Exercise 5 · Swap in the question word

Swap the underlined answer for a question word and write the new question. Word bank: **어디 · 뭐 · 언제**.

저는 <u>한국에</u> 가고 싶어요. → _____

저는 <u>커피</u> 마시고 싶어요. → _____

저는 <u>내일</u> 만나고 싶어요. → _____

The question word sits where the answer goes (Unit 20). In questions, 저는 and little tags often drop. Your voice goes up at the end.

Exercise 6 · 주세요 or 싶어요?

주세요 asks for it (“please give me”). **싶어요** tells your wish. Write the right ending. Word bank: **주세요** · **싶어요**.

커피	_____	You order coffee at a café.
커피 마시고	_____	You tell a friend you're thirsty.
이거	_____	You ask for this one in a shop.
자고	_____	You tell a friend you're sleepy.

At a café, to order, you still say 커피 주세요. 커피 마시고 싶어요 tells how you feel.

Exercise 7 · Answer the question

Answer each question in Korean. Use your own truth, or just play along.

뭐 하고 싶어요?	(Say you want to rest.)	_____
뭐 먹고 싶어요?	(Name one food.)	_____
어디 가고 싶어요?	(Name one place.)	_____
커피 마시고 싶어요?	(A polite no.)	_____

A polite no: 아니요, 괜찮아요 (“No, I'm fine”). A yes: 네, 만나고 싶어요. Examples: 쉬고 싶어요. · 김밥 먹고 싶어요. · 한국에 가고 싶어요.

Exercise 8 · New sentences! Decode, then read

These four sentences are **not** in the video. Read each one out loud, then write the English. Word bank: **I want to read a book. · I want to work. · I want to buy an umbrella. · Where do you want to meet?**

책 읽고 싶어요. _____

일하고 싶어요. _____

우산 사고 싶어요. _____

어디 만나고 싶어요? _____

Every wish ends in 싶어요, and you know the things: 책 and 읽어요 (Unit 16), 우산 (Unit 23). The last one is a question: your voice goes up.

Exercise 9 · Quick quiz

1. Which sentence means “I want to eat kimbap”?

A 김밥 먹고 싶어요 **B** 김밥 먹어요 **C** 김밥 사요

2. Which sentence means “I want to go home”?

A 집에 가요 **B** 집에 가고 싶어요 **C** 집에 있어요

3. How do you ask “What do you want to eat?”

A 뭐 먹어요? **B** 어디 먹고 싶어요? **C** 뭐 먹고 싶어요?

4. Where does the wish go in the sentence?

A At the very end **B** At the very start **C** Right after 저는

5. Which word tells your wish?

A 주세요 **B** 싶어요 **C** 괜찮아요

Unit 24 Master Check

- ☐ I can say I want to go: 가고 싶어요
- ☐ I know the wish goes at the very end
- ☐ I can say 김밥 먹고 싶어요 and 커피 마시고 싶어요
- ☐ I can ask 뭐 하고 싶어요?
- ☐ I can say a polite no: 아니요, 괜찮아요
- ☐ I know 주세요 asks for it and 싶어요 tells my wish
- ☐ I can ask 어디 가고 싶어요?

Keep going: Pick one thing you want to do in Korea and say it out loud every day this week. Next up is Unit 25: what you can and can't do.

Answer Key

Check your work. Then read every answer out loud once more.

Exercise 2

쉬어요 = rest · 가고 싶어요 = want to go · 보고 싶어요 = want to watch · 먹고 싶어요 = want to eat · 마시고 싶어요 = want to drink · 사고 싶어요 = want to buy · 만나고 싶어요 = want to meet · 자고 싶어요 = want to sleep

Exercise 3

가요 → 가고 싶어요 · 먹어요 → 먹고 싶어요 · 마셔요 → 마시고 싶어요 · 사요 → 사고 싶어요 · 만나요 → 만나고 싶어요 · 자요 → 자고 싶어요

Exercise 4

1-b · 2-a · 3-d · 4-c

Exercise 5

어디 가고 싶어요? · 뭐 마시고 싶어요? · 언제 만나고 싶어요?

Exercise 6

커피 주세요. · 커피 마시고 싶어요. · 이거 주세요. · 자고 싶어요.

Exercise 7

Examples: 쉬고 싶어요. · 김밥 먹고 싶어요. · 한국에 가고 싶어요. · 아니요, 괜찮아요.
Your own answers may differ.

Exercise 8

책 읽고 싶어요. = I want to read a book. · 일하고 싶어요. = I want to work. · 우산 사고 싶어요. = I want to buy an umbrella. · 어디 만나고 싶어요? = Where do you want to meet?

Exercise 9

1. A (김밥 먹고 싶어요) · 2. B (집에 가고 싶어요) · 3. C (뭐 먹고 싶어요?) · 4. A (at the very end) · 5. B (싶어요)

Some answers depend on your own pronunciation. Compare your voice with the native-speaker audio in the video.