

Grammaire: Vouloir (to want)

Memorize the conjugations of the following irregular verb. Vouloir means “to want”:

Je veux Tu veux Il/Elle veut Nous voulons

Vous voulez Ils/Elles veulent

Use “vouloir” with an infinitive to indicate a desire to do something:

Je veux manger/ I want to eat

Elle veut danser/She wants to dance.

Tu veux aller/ You want to go

As with aimer and aller, negative sentences using vouloir place ne...pas around the conjugated verb:

Je ne veux pas manger I do not want to eat.

Elle ne veut pas danser. She does not want to dance.

Tu ne veux pas aller. You do not want to go.

Exercise 4.22: Translate the following into French:

1. We want an apple.
2. He wants a wife.
3. They want to go to the cinema.
4. She wants to dance.
5. You don't want to sing.
6. You all don't want to wait.
7. They want to sing.
8. My children don't want to obey.