

Need

The word need expresses a requirement, necessary duty, or obligation.

*I need a banana.
I need you.
She needs a paper.*

subject + need + object.

Need to Do—Important for Someone

Use “need to” to express that something is important for you to do. This form is usually used for something that is important one time, rather than referring to a responsibility or duty.

*They need to be humans.
They need to eat.*

subject + need to + verb + complement.

Don't Need to Do—Not Necessary, but Possible

Use the negative form of “need to” to express that something isn't necessary, but possible. At times, English speakers use “don't need to” to express that they don't expect someone to do something.

*You don't need to come to the meeting next week.
Naveen doesn't need to worry about money because he's a prince.*

Want

The word want expresses a desire for or to feel a need or; wish for.

*I want a princess.
Mamá Odie wants a gumbo.*

subject + want + object.

Want to-actions I wish to take

Use want to to express that something is desired for you to do.

*They want to go back home.
Tiana wants to have a restaurant.*

subject + want to + verb + complement.