



## Want

### EVERYDAY EVENT:

The beginning of each new school day brings with it a list of expectations. Teachers want their students to be on time, seated, and ready to work when the school bell rings. A student may raise his or her hand when they want a piece of paper from the teacher. Teachers and students can express their needs in many different ways throughout the school day.

### EXCEPTIONAL EXPRESSION:

The word want can signify varying degrees of the same concept. The word want can mean that somebody has a need that must be fulfilled. When a student says that they want to go to the bathroom what they are really saying is that they need to go. The second usage of the word want conveys a strong desire or longing for something. A student may want to win a prize, however they do not require it. Finally, the word want can mean a lack of what is required or essential. For instance, a teacher may tell his or her student that their paper has many grammatical errors and is in want of a good proofreader.

### FOLLOW-UPS

- How is wanting a good grade different from needing a good grade?
- What does it mean when you desire to have the latest novel by an author?
- How does mandating a set of school standards differ from wanting a set of school standards?
- What does it mean to yearn for something?

### THE SPANISH CONNECTION:

*Want* is an adaptation of an Old Norse word *vanta*. The Spanish word for *want* is not a cognate. But some of the synonyms for *want* do have Spanish cognates. For example, the cognate of the word need is *necesitar*.

### WORD CHANGES:

#### 1) IDIOMS

- Waste not, want not

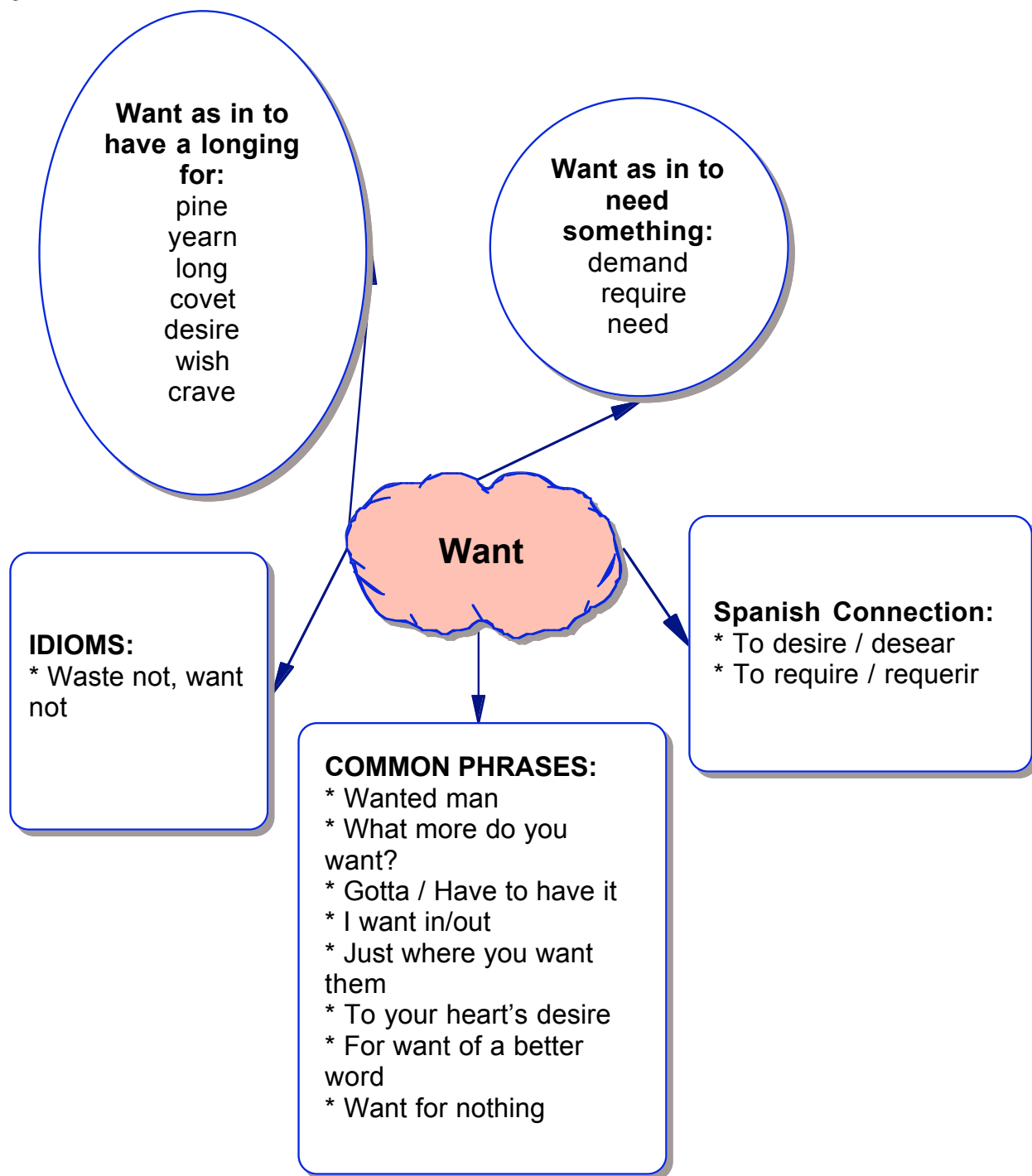
#### 2) COMMON PHRASES

- Wanted man
- What more do you want?

- Gotta / Have to have it
- I want in / out
- Just where you want them
- To your heart's desire
- For want of a better word
- Want for nothing



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