CORRECT USE OF WANT !

After **want**, we normally use an infinitive with **to.**

* I don’t**want to talk** to her again.

An **object + infinitive** structure is also possible.

* She **wants me to clear**her doubts.

**That-clauses**are not normally used after**want.**

**Structures**

**Want**can be followed by an**object + complement.**

* I **want him back.**
* They **wanted him dead**.
* We **want the job finished**by Monday.

**To be** or**as**is used before a noun complement.

* I **want you to be my wife.**(OR I **want you as my wife.**)
(NOT I want you my wife.)

**be wanting**

**Be wanting**means *be missing* or *lacking.*

* A few pages of this book **are wanting.**
* He**is wanting**in courtesy. (= He is not polite.)

**Want meaning ‘need’**

In informal British English, **want**is often used to mean *‘need’.*

* Your hair **wants a good brush.**
* That car **wants a clean.**

In this case, **want** can be followed by an **-ing form.**

* That car **wants cleaning.**
* You hair **wants brushing.**