

Talking About Preferences

prefer (v.) = like more

I *like* chocolate cake *more* than vanilla ice cream.

I *prefer* chocolate cake to vanilla ice cream.

Part A: Write your answers to questions 1 – 3. After you finish, compare your answers to your partner's answers.

For example:

Question: Which do you prefer reading or watching TV? **Why?**

Answer: I prefer reading **because** I think it is more relaxing and enjoyable.

1. Which do you prefer, summer or winter? Why?

2. Which do you prefer, Sunday or Monday? Why?

3. Which do you prefer, animals or people? Why?

(Now, look at your partner's answers. Do you have the same or different answers?)



Part B:

With a partner, take turns asking each other which of the following you prefer. Be sure to ask, "Why?" Ask each other at least five questions. Write your partner's answers. Here are some ideas for questions:

1. Which do you prefer, playing sports or watching movies? Why?

2. Which do you prefer, singing or dancing? Why?

3. Which do you prefer, morning or evening? Why?

4. Which do you prefer, buses or trains? Why?

5. Which do you prefer, quiet restaurants or noisy restaurants? Why?

6. Which do you prefer, listening to music or reading? Why?

7. Which do you prefer, summer or winter? Why?

8. Which do you prefer, autumn or spring? Why?

9. Which do you prefer, _____ or _____? Why?

10. Which do you prefer, _____ or _____? Why?

Part C:

Now, it is time to introduce your partner and tell everyone about your partner's preferences. Here is a model:

Hello, everyone. This is **Albert**. He prefers evenings to mornings because he doesn't like to get up early. He also likes evenings more because that is when he eats dinner. Albert prefers dancing to singing because everyone runs away when he sings. Albert is not a good singer. Finally, Albert prefers reading to listening to music because he can learn a lot from reading.

In your next lesson, we will practice another way of expressing preference. In the next lesson, we will practice "**would rather + verb**" to talk about preference.

For example:

Albert **would rather dance than sing** because he is a terrible singer.

