

Language Focus

When we use **prefer...to...**, we are usually talking about things we like in general. We usually use **prefer** with *nouns* or *verbs + ing*.

I *prefer* summer *to* winter.
 He *prefers* pizza *to* sushi.
 Do you *prefer* reading novels *or* watching movies.

Write about three preferences you have. Use "I prefer _____ to _____."

- 1) _____.
- 2) _____.
- 3) _____.

When we use **would rather...than...**, we are making a choice – sometimes imaginary, sometimes real. Sometimes we say **I'd rather...** instead of **I would rather...**
 We usually use **would rather** with *verbs + choice A* and *choice B*.

I *would rather* study in Australia *than* England.
 If we go to the movies, *I'd rather* see an action movie *than* a comedy.
Would you rather have pizza *or* sushi for dinner tonight?

Write about what you'd like to do. Use "I would rather _____ than _____."

- 1) _____.
- 2) _____.
- 3) _____.

Your Space



Group Discussion

Ask your classmates these questions. Don't forget to conjugate your verbs and ask follow up questions!

Which do you prefer...	Student #1 _____	Student #2 _____	Student #3 _____
cats or dogs?			
pasta or pizza?			
blue or red?			
watching movies or reading books?			
singing karaoke or just listening?			
summer or winter?			
studying English or Japanese?			
comedy or action movies?			
playing or watching sports?			
going to the beach or mountains?			
going out or staying at home at night?			
<i>your idea</i>			
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Would you rather...	Student #1 _____	Student #2 _____	Student #3 _____
live in America or France?			
keep a pet horse or elephant?			
have a shy or outgoing roommate?			
try scuba diving or sky diving?			
singing karaoke or just listening?			
have a holiday in Okinawa or Tokyo?			
do the cooking or wash the dishes?			
be rich or famous?			
live in the city or countryside?			
go to a movie or a musical?			
go out or stay in this weekend?			
<i>your idea</i>			
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Find Someone Who...

Meet your classmates. Ask other students the questions. Ask one follow-up question for each person you talk to.

- 1) _____ **prefers beer to wine..**
Which do you prefer, beer or wine? What kind ... ?
- 2) _____ **prefers winter to summer.**
Did you use to ... ? What..?
- 3) _____ **would rather go to Canada than America.**
Did you use to..? Where... ?
- 4) _____ **would rather own a scooter than a car.**
Did you... ? ... ?
- 5) _____ **prefers horror films to comedy films.**
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- 6) _____ **would rather meet the Prime Minister than SMAP.**
..... ? ?
- 7) _____ **prefers coffee to tea.**
..... ? ?
- 8) _____ **would rather live in the countryside than the city.**
..... ? ?
- 9) _____ **prefers high school life to university life.**
..... ? ?
- 10) _____ **would rather live alone than with family.**
..... ? ?

Your Space



Cut out the flashcards for extra speaking practice using *Would you rather...*

live in the country or city?	live by yourself or with friends?	spend money on books or clothes?
be rich or famous?	meet the Prime Minister or Ichiro Suzuki?	study Chinese or French?
visit America or England?	have a pet elephant or giraffe?	work outdoors or in an office?
be rich and happy or poor and unhappy?	marry for love or marry for money?	stay in Japan or move abroad?
be a movie star or a rock'n'roll star?	have pizza or pasta for dinner tonight?	join the army or a motorcycle gang?
have a lot of friends or a few good friends?	have a male or female English teacher?	own a car or a scooter?
travel to Hokkaido or Okinawa?	be able to fly or turn invisible?	study English or watch TV tonight?
watch a sports game live or on TV?	live by yourself or with family?	have a boring high-paying job, or an interesting low-paying job?

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