

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.**
..... ? ?
- 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.**
..... ? ?

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

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| 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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