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## Mini Lesson 043 - Expressing Preferences with 'Prefer' and 'Would Rather'

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Explanation:

When talking about preferences, we use "**prefer**" and "**would rather**" to indicate choices. Both are used to express likes and dislikes, but they differ in usage.

### 1. Prefer:

- Used to express a **general** preference between two or more things.
- **Form:** \*prefer\* + noun/verb-ing + **to** + noun/verb-ing.
- Example: \*I prefer tea to coffee.\* / \*I prefer swimming to running.\*

### 2. Would Rather:

- Used to express a **specific** preference in a particular situation. It's often used to compare immediate choices.
- **Form:** \*would rather\* + base verb (without "to") + **than** + base verb.
- Example: \*I would rather stay at home than go out.\*

### Key Differences:

- Use **prefer** when talking about general preferences.
- Use **would rather** for specific, immediate choices.





## Exercises

### Section 1: Choose Between 'Prefer' or 'Would Rather'

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer / would rather) stay at home than go to the party tonight.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer / would rather) tea to coffee.
3. We \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer / would rather) not watch this movie tonight.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer / would rather) reading books to watching TV.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer / would rather) eat pizza for dinner.

### Section 2: Fill in the Blanks with 'Prefer' or 'Would Rather'

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ to play basketball than football.
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ going to the park to going to the cinema.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ to walk instead of taking a taxi.
4. He \_\_\_\_\_ to sleep early rather than stay up late.
5. We \_\_\_\_\_ staying at home to going out.

### Section 3: Rewrite the Sentences Using 'Prefer' or 'Would Rather'

1. I like cycling more than running. → I \_\_\_\_\_.
2. She enjoys watching TV more than reading. → She \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They would like to eat pizza rather than a sandwich. → They \_\_\_\_\_.
4. He prefers to go hiking over staying indoors. → He \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I would rather travel by plane than by train. → I \_\_\_\_\_.





#### Section 4: Error Correction

Correct the mistakes in the sentences:

1. I would rather to go out than stay home.
2. She prefer running than swimming.
3. He prefers to eat pizza than pasta.
4. I would rather going to the beach than the park.
5. They prefer watch movies than play games.

#### Section 5: Multiple-Choice Questions

1. Which sentence expresses a **general** preference?
  - A. I would rather eat salad.
  - B. I prefer salad to pizza.
  - C. I would rather eat salad than pizza.
2. Which is correct?
  - A. She would rather go to the party.
  - B. She would rather to go to the party.
  - C. She would rather goes to the party.
3. Choose the correct sentence:
  - A. He prefers to watch movies than read books.
  - B. He would rather watch movies than read books.
  - C. He prefers watch movies than reading books.





### Section 6: Complete the Sentences

1. I \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) pasta \_\_\_\_\_ pizza.
2. He \_\_\_\_\_ (would rather) \_\_\_\_\_ (play) video games than watch TV.
3. She \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) going for a walk \_\_\_\_\_ staying indoors.
4. We \_\_\_\_\_ (would rather) \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) home than \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out.
5. They \_\_\_\_\_ (prefer) \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) on weekends rather than working.

### Section 7: Make Your Own Sentences

Use **prefer** or **would rather** to write your own sentences based on the following prompts:

1. Prefer / tea / coffee
2. Would rather / stay home / go out
3. Prefer / watching movies / reading books
4. Would rather / sleep / study
5. Prefer / traveling by car / traveling by plane





## Answers

### Section 1:

1. would rather
2. prefer
3. would rather
4. prefer
5. would rather

### Section 2:

1. prefer
2. prefers
3. prefer
4. would rather
5. prefer

### Section 3:

1. I prefer cycling to running.
2. She prefers watching TV to reading.
3. They would rather eat pizza than a sandwich.
4. He prefers going hiking to staying indoors.
5. I would rather travel by plane than by train.

### Section 4:

1. I would rather go out than stay home.
2. She prefers running to swimming.
3. He prefers eating pizza to pasta.
4. I would rather go to the beach than the park.
5. They prefer watching movies to playing games.





**Section 5:**

1. B
2. A
3. B

**Section 6:**

1. prefer, to
2. would rather play
3. prefers, to
4. would rather stay, go
5. prefer relaxing

**Section 7: Make Your Own Sentences**

1. I prefer tea to coffee.
2. I would rather stay home than go out.
3. I prefer watching movies to reading books.
4. I would rather sleep than study.
5. I prefer traveling by car to traveling by plane.

