UNIT 3
EXPRESSING PREFERENCES

“Use of the Language: Preferences”

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USE OF THE LANGUAGE 1

Expressing Preferences

PREFER

USE: It is used to talk about general likes and dislikes.

Examples:

- I prefer to work at night.
- My best friend prefers to go to the cinema.
- Rosario prefers living alone.
- We prefer Roast Chicken.
- My father prefers comedy movies.

FORM:

Prefer + noun

Examples:

- I prefer romantic movies.
- She prefers hip hop music.
- We prefer Mirage restaurant.
- They prefer soccer.

Prefer + infinitive with TO

Examples:

- I prefer to watch romantic movies.
- She prefers to listen to hip hop music.
- We prefer to go to the Mirage restaurant.
- They prefer to practice soccer.

Prefer + Gerund (verb in ING)

Examples:

- I prefer watching romantic movies.
- She prefers listening to hip hop music.
- We prefer going to the Mirage restaurant.
- They prefer practicing soccer.

NOTE: Utilizamos la palabra PREFER para expresar nuestras preferencias, de manera general en cuanto a nuestros gustos y disgustos.
WOULD PREFER

USE: It is used to talk about specific choices in a specific situation.

Examples:
- I would prefer to work at night.
- My best friend would prefer to go to the cinema tomorrow.
- Rosario would prefer to live alone in Pachuca city.
- We would prefer Roast Chicken as a dinner.
- My father would prefer comedy movies tonight at home.

FORM:
- Would prefer + noun

Examples:
- I would prefer romantic movies.
- She would prefer hip hop music.
- We would prefer Mirage restaurant.
- They would prefer soccer.

- Would prefer + infinitive with TO

Examples:
- I would prefer to watch romantic movies.
- She would prefer to listen to hip hop music.
- We would prefer to go to the Mirage restaurant.
- My mother would prefer to practice volleyball.
- My father would prefer to help us to do our homework.
- My brother would prefer to play bingo.
- I would prefer to write poems.

NOTE: Utilizamos la frase WOULD PREFER para expresar nuestras preferencias, la cual puede ir precedida de un sustantivo o un verbo en infinitivo con TO.
**WOULD RATHER**

**USE:** It is used to talk about specific choices in a specific situation.

Examples:
- I would rather work at night.
- My best friend would rather go to the cinema tomorrow.
- Rosario would rather live alone in Pachuca city.
- I’d rather rent a movie than go to the theater.
- He’d rather not see a comedy tonight.
- Would you rather see Frida or Finding Nemo?
- Which would they rather see a horror film or a romantic film?
- Would you like to rent a movie? Actually, we’d rather not. We are too busy.

**FORM:**

Would rather + verb in the base form

Examples:
- I would rather watch romantic movies.
- She would rather listen to hip hop music.
- We would rather go to the Mirage restaurant.
- They would rather practice soccer.

**Affirmative:**
- Roberto would rather practice soccer tomorrow in the morning.
- We would rather go to the forest.

**Negative:**
- Roberto would rather not practice soccer tomorrow in the morning.
- We would rather not go to the forest.

**Interrogative:**
- Would Roberto rather practice soccer tomorrow in the morning?
  - Yes, he would
  - No, he wouldn’t

- Would you rather go to the forest?
  - Yes, we would
  - No, we wouldn’t
**STATE THE CHOICE**

**WOULD PREFER**

Examples:
- Would you prefer to take a video or a photography class? I would prefer to study video to learn about photography.
- I’d prefer to live with my parents to live with a relative.
- She would prefer to go to the cinema to stay at home watching TV.
- I would prefer to have some water to soda.

**WOULD RATHER**

- Would you rather learn an Asian Language or a European one? Actually, I’d rather take an art class than study a foreign language.
- Would you rather play snakes and ladders or go for a walk? Actually, I would rather stay at home and play snakes and ladders than go out.
- I would rather study online than study in a real classroom.
- She would rather dress a red blouse than a pink one.

**NOTE:** Utilizamos la palabra **TO** con **WOULD PREFER** para mencionar la preferencia entre dos opciones, y la palabra **THAN** con **WOULD RATHER**, para expresar la preferencia entre dos opciones.
• We can use other kind of expressions and use of the language to ask and express about our preferences.

Now, Read the next dialogues and pay attention to the words in red.
EXAMPLES:

A: What would you like to do this weekend?
B: I’d really like to go to the cinema.

A: Would you like to watch Finding Nemo or Narnia?
B: I’d really love to watch Finding Nemo.

A: What are we going to do this weekend?
B: I don’t know, I would rather stay at home.
A: That’s sound good to me.

A: What do you think we should do this holiday?
B: I think we should have a family reunion.

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Suggesting

To express suggestions we use MIGHT and SHOULD + a verb in the base form.

Examples:

A: Would you like to work with kids today?
B: Yes, I would. But you might give me the complete information about their health.

OR

A: Would you rather work with kids today?
B: Yes, I would. But I think you should give me the complete information about their health.

A: Would you rather explain me your symptoms?
B: No, there’s not problem, you might know them first; to give me the correct medical prescription.

A: Where would you prefer to get your car insurance?
B: I don’t know yet. It’s difficult for me.
A: I think you should choose an option that fill all your needs.
Giving Reasons

To give reasons to our preferences we can use NEED TO or HAVE TO + verb in the base form.

Examples:

A: Would you like to eat an apple and a piece of bread as a breakfast?
B: Yes, I would. But I might eat some vegetables too, because I need to get some energy to my body.

OR

A: Would you rather eat an apple and a piece of bread as a breakfast?
B: Yes, I would. But I should eat some vegetables too, because I have to get some energy to my body.

A: I would prefer you be on time.
B: Why?
A: Because I need to have the best seats in the speech.
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