

Exercise 4

Read the information and think carefully about the way *like*, *love* and *prefer* are used in the sentences. What does each sentence mean? Choose the correct answers.

Verb forms with *like*, *love* and *prefer*

- After some verbs (e.g. *enjoy*, *finish*), the next verb must be an *-ing* form.
Example: *I enjoy swimming.*
- After some verbs (e.g. *want*, *decide*), the next verb must be a *to*-infinitive.
Example: *I want to go.*
- After some verbs (e.g. *like*, *love* and *prefer*), both forms are possible, with a small difference in meaning.
Example:
I like swimming. (= *I enjoy the action or experience of swimming.*)
I like to swim every day. (= *Swimming is a habit or something I prefer to do.*)

1. *I like to go to the gym twice a week.*
 - The person has a lot of fun at the gym.
 - The speaker feels positive about his/her routine.
2. *I like going for long walks in the countryside.*
 - The person feels happy while he/she is walking.
 - The person thinks it's important to go for long walks.
3. *Board games are OK but I prefer playing video games.*
 - The person is happier about the fact that he/she plays video games than board games.
 - The person thinks video games are more fun than board games.
4. *I prefer to read a book before I watch the film version.*
 - The person enjoys reading books more than watching films.
 - The person thinks it's better to read the book before watching the film version of the book.
5. *I love to get up really early and take photos of the sunrise.*
 - The person enjoys the process of getting up early.
 - The person often gets up early, and enjoys being awake at that time of day.
6. *I love playing football.*
 - The person has a good time when he/she plays football.
 - The person is happy about the fact that he/she often plays football.

