WOULD RATHER / PREFER/WOULD PREFER

EXERCISE 1

Choose the best answer to fill the gap in each of the following:

1. I prefer coffee _____ tea.

a. to b. than c. from

2. I don't fancy the theatre again. I'd rather _____ to the cinema.

a. to b. go c. going

3. Although I love relaxing on beaches, I think I prefer _____ in the mountains.

a. walk b. walking

4. I'd rather speak to him in person _____ things over the phone.

a. than discuss b. to discussing c. to discuss

5. I prefer trains _____ cars.

a. from b. than c. to

6. I'm not a big fan of cars; I prefer _____ by train.

a. travelling b. travel

7. If I had a choice I think I'd rather _____ London.

a. live in Paris than in b. live in Paris to c. to live in Paris than

8. They'd rather have lunch inside, but I'd prefer _____ outside in the garden.

a. eat b. eating c. to eat

EXERCISE 2

Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

1. 'Shall I tell Ann the news? 'No, I'd rather she didn't know'.

2. Do you want me to go now or would you rather I _____ here?

3. Do you want to go out this evening or would you rather _____ at home?

4. This is a private letter addressed to me. I'd rather you _____ read it.

5. I don't really like these shoes. I'd rather they _____ a different colour.

6. A: Do you mind if I turn on the radio?

B: I'd rather you _____. I'm trying to study.

EXERCISE 3

Complete the sentences using the words in bold.
Use **two** to **five** words.

1. Fiona likes dogs more than cats.
   PREFERS

   Fiona prefers _____

2. Please don't smoke in the office.
   YOU

   I'd rather you _____ in the office

3. Michael would rather play football than do his homework.
   PREFER

   Michael would prefer _____ do his homework

4. We'd rather you didn't talk about Susan like that!
   NOT

   We'd prefer you_____ about Susan like that

5. James thinks going to pubs is better than staying at home.
   TO

James prefer _____ at home