Talking about things you like or dislike

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To talk about whether you like or dislike something, you can say:

- ***I find it** very pleasant. **I find them** a bit boring.*

To say that someone likes something, you can say:

- *She's quite **keen on** Chinese food. He's very **keen on** football.*

If you like something, but do not have strong feelings about it, you can say:

- *I **don't mind** swimming. She **doesn't mind** staying in sometimes.*

If you like something a lot, you can say:

- *I **really like** your new coat.*

If you strongly dislike something, you can say:

- *I **can't stand** fish. I **can't bear** their music.*

If you like one thing more than another, you can say:

- *I **prefer** pasta. I **prefer** fish **to** meat. I **prefer** to study on my own.*

Asking about what people like or dislike

To ask about what someone likes or dislikes, you can say:

- ***What do you think** of the book? **What's** her house **like**? **How's** your meal? **Are you pleased with** your language course?*

Exercise 4

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

1	I'd like to go running before work	a	I prefer playing volleyball.
2	Helen liked the movie	b	the weather was pleasant.
3	Our hotel was terrible	c	that jacket is awful!
4	I really like her jeans	d	I can't bear getting up early.
5	I don't mind swimming,	e	I can't stand the loud music.
6	My friends like going to clubs	f	I found it a bit boring.

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Exercise 5

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Use the words from the box to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

prefer absolutely stand keen ~~think~~ find mind like pleased cool

Elisabeth: What do you [1] *think* of the clothes in the stores at the moment?

Leila: I've seen some really [2] _____ jackets and some great shirts, but I don't like those very narrow trousers that everyone is wearing.

Elisabeth: I agree. I think they look [3] _____ awful unless you're very tall.

Leila: Are you [4] _____ with the coat you bought?

Elisabeth: I love it! It's so bright – wearing it makes me feel happy!

Leila: I know what you mean – I can't [5] _____ dark colours.

Jan: What sort of food do you like, Otto?

Otto: I'm quite [6] _____ on Asian food, especially Indian food. Do you like Indian food?

Jan: I don't [7] _____ it, but I [8] _____ Italian food.

Otto: What's your favourite Italian food?

Jan: Well, I really [9] _____ pizza – I could eat it every day.

Otto: Really? I [10] _____ pizza a bit boring.

Use the words you've learned...

Choose a subject (e.g. food, sport, books, clothes) and describe things you like and dislike.

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