

would rather	WOULD RATHER + SIMPLE INFINITIVE ▪ I would rather read a book than watch TV.
prefer	PREFER + NOUN + PREFER + (GERUND, PREFER + INFINITIVE) ▪ I prefer reading books to watching TV. ▪ general preference
would prefer	WOULD PREFER TO + INFINITIVE OR A NOUN. ▪ Today I would prefer to read a book rather than watch TV. ▪ specific preference

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Practice



1. Complete the conversations with prefer, would prefer or would rather.

1. A: you brushing your teeth before breakfast or after breakfast?
 B: I definitely to brush my teeth after I eat breakfast.

2. A: On our next vacation, you go to the beach or to the mountains?
 B: I not go to the mountains again. We went there last year.

3. A: There are two films starting at the same time you seeing an action film or a comedy?
 B: You know I to see a comedy any day.

4. A: Table for two? you to sit in the smoking or the non-smoking section?
 B: Non-smoking, please. We not smell smoke while we're eating.

5. A: Lola to take oral exams because she doesn't do well on written exams.
 B: That's interesting. Most language students taking written exams.

6. A: Do you want to have dinner at home tonight?
 B: I go to that new Chinese restaurant if that's OK with you.

7. A: you usually walking or biking to school?
 B: I'm not sure. But today I definitely to bike.

2. Use **would rather** to complete the sentences

1. A: Do you want to go to the concert tonight?
 B: Not really. I

2. A: Did you go to the concert last night?
 B: Yes, I

3. A: What are you doing right now?
 B: I'm studying grammar, but I

4. A: Do you want to come with us to the museum tomorrow?
 B: Thanks, but

5. A: I.....than.....
 B: Not me. I.....than.....

3. Circle the letter that is not correct

1. I'd love to see a film tonight, but I'd rather to see a comedy than an action film. A B C D

2. I like to watch tennis tournaments on TV, but I prefer playing sports than being a spectator. A B C D

3. We don't mind taking care of your cat while you're away, but we wouldn't rather take care of your dog, too. A B C D

4. James enjoys good food, but he'd rather cook his own meals to eat in restaurants. A B C D

5. Do you think Yolanda would rather works for a small company or for a large one? A B C D

6. I wouldn't mind going shopping with you today, but I wouldn't rather go to the busy mall. A B C D