

would rather	WOULD RATHER + BASE 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

Practice



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

- A:you brushing your teeth before breakfast or after breakfast?
 B: I definitely to brush my teeth after I eat breakfast.
- 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.
- 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.
- A: Table for two? youto sit in the smoking or the non-smoking section?
 B: Non-smoking, please. We not smell smoke while we're eating.
- 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.
- A: Do you want to have dinner at home tonight?
 B: I go to that new Chinese restaurant if that's OK with you.
- 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

- A: Do you want to go to the concert tonight?
 B: Not really. I
- A: Did you go to the concert last night?
 B: Yes, I
- A: What are you doing right now?
 B: I'm studying grammar, but I
- A: Do you want to come with us to the museum tomorrow?
 B: Thanks, but
- A: Ithan.....
 B: Not me. Ithan.....

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