

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