

Talking about PREFERENCES

PREFER / WOULD PREFER / WOULD RATHER

EX. 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 c. to 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 c. to travelling
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

Ex. 2 Complete the sentence using the word in bold. Use two to six words.

1. Fiona likes dogs more than cats.
PREFERS
Fiona _____.
2. Michael would rather play football than do his homework.
PREFER
Michael would _____ do his homework.
3. James thinks going to pubs is better than staying at home.
TO
James prefers _____ at home.
4. I'd prefer to leave later if you don't mind.
YET
I'd rather _____ if you don't mind.
5. I'd rather walk than catch a bus.
RATHER
I'd prefer _____ a bus.

6. I don't really want to go out tonight.

PREFER

I _____ go out tonight.

Ex. 3 *Complete the gaps with the missing words.*

1. Carmen prefers reading books _____ watching films.
2. What would you _____ do tonight - eat at home or go out to a restaurant?
3. I'd prefer to look for a job rather _____ go to university.
4. I'd rather _____ go for a walk today, if you don't mind.
5. Paul says he _____ rather watch paint dry than go to see a ballet.
6. Laura doesn't want to go out today. She'd _____ rather stay at home.