

**A Likes and dislikes**



**MISCHA BARON:  
the food king!**

I'm mad about food and I absolutely love cooking.

I'm very fond of spicy Asian food, particularly Thai and Korean.

I'm not very keen on washing up afterwards, though!

As a child, I didn't like cabbage very much, but I've got used to it now.

There are only two things I really dislike: one is sweetcorn, and the other thing I can't stand is yoghurt.

I don't like takeaway food at all.

**Meaning**

**be mad about sth/sb** *inf* like sth/sb very much  
**SYN be crazy about sth/sb** *inf*

**absolutely love (doing) sth** *inf* love (doing) sth very much

**be fond of sth/sb / of doing sth** like or enjoy sth/sb, especially sth/sb you have liked for a long time

**spicy** having a strong taste because it contains powder of the seeds from a plant

**be keen on (doing) sth** *inf* (usually used in the negative) like or enjoy (doing) sth

**get used to sth** start to know sth well or accept it after a time

**dislike** *rather formal* not like sth/sb **dislike** *n*

**can't stand (doing) sth** strongly dislike **SYN hate**

**not at all** not in any way. If you **don't** like sth **at all**, you dislike it very much.

**SPOTLIGHT** word order with like/enjoy, etc.

Look at the word order in these examples.

▪ I like cooking **very much**. (NOT ~~I like very much cooking.~~) ▪ Jules **likes** Japanese food **a lot**. ▪ She **doesn't enjoy** eating meat **very much**.

**1 Write the words and phrases in the wordpool in the correct column.**

hate ✓ can't stand	be mad about not like (sth) at all	be fond of be crazy about	absolutely love be keen on
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like very much	like	dislike
.....	.....	hate
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**2 Rewrite the sentences using the words on the right. The meaning must stay the same.**

- ▶ I don't enjoy eating in street cafés. FOND I'm not very fond of eating in street cafés.
- 1 My sister absolutely loves seafood. CRAZY .....
- 2 I hate cooking for a lot of people. STAND .....
- 3 Sayid doesn't like spicy food very much. KEEN .....
- 4 My father really dislikes fish. AT ALL .....
- 5 I'm not very fond of fried food. LIKE; VERY MUCH .....
- 6 I'm starting to like the local food here. GET USED TO .....

**3 ABOUT YOU Correct the mistakes in the sentence beginnings.**

- ▶ I'm not very keen for ... I'm not very keen on
- 1 I'm mad in ... ..
- 2 I don't stand ... ..
- 3 I very don't much like ... ..
- 4 I not very fond of ... ..
- 5 I love absolutely ... ..
- 6 Recently, I've got use to ... ..
- 7 I hate cook ... ..

**4 ABOUT YOU Complete the sentences in Exercise 3. Write about food or other things you like or like doing. If possible, tell another student.**

- ▶ I'm not very keen on food that is very spicy.

**TEST YOURSELF**

## B Preferences and responses

In general, do you prefer black or white coffee? ~ I prefer my coffee black. ~ So do I.	prefer X or Y like one thing or person more than another so do I = me too (Use so to agree with a positive statement.)
Do you prefer lamb to beef? ~ Oh, no. I can't stand lamb. ~ No, neither can I.	prefer X to Y neither/nor can I I think the same as you. (Use neither to agree with a negative statement.)
Do you usually go to the office? Yes, but I prefer working at home.	prefer doing (sth)
Would you prefer to } stay in or go out tonight? Would you rather } ~ I'd rather stay in (than go out). ~ So would I.	would prefer to do sth would like to do one thing more than another thing SYN would rather do sth
Shall we have rice or pasta? Do you have a preference? ~ I don't mind what we have. Whatever you prefer.	Do you have a preference? = Which do you prefer? I don't mind. = I don't have a strong opinion about it. whatever used to say it doesn't matter to the speaker which thing is chosen

### SPOTLIGHT so/neither do/have/can, etc.

When we use **so** and **neither** to express the same opinion as the speaker, we use auxiliary verbs *be, do, did, have*, and modal verbs *would, can, should*, etc.

- I like ice cream. ~ So do I.
- I've tried crocodile meat. ~ So have I.
- I'd prefer water, please. ~ So would I.
- I don't mind sugar in coffee. ~ Neither do I.
- I can't stand butter. ~ Neither can I.
- I didn't like that film. ~ Neither did I.

### 5 One word is missing for each speaker. What is it, and where does it go?

- ▶ A Would you / banana or cherry yoghurt? prefer 3 A I rather see a film than sit here all evening. ....  
B I /mind. don't B So I. ....
- 1 A I can't stand hip hop music. 4 A I speaking English to writing it. ....  
B can I - I hate it. .... B do I. ....
- 2 A We can fly or drive. Do you a preference? 5 A I mind where we go on holiday. ....  
B Not really - you prefer. .... B do I. Anywhere hot! ....

### 6 Agree with the statements using so or neither and the correct verb and subject.

- ▶ I prefer working in a team. ~ So do I.
- 1 I'm mad about cooking. ~ .....
- 2 I've eaten a lot of spicy food. ~ .....
- 3 I can't stand people smoking next to me. ~ .....
- 4 Orange or apple juice? I don't have a preference. 8 I'd prefer to live in a city than a village. ~ .....
- 5 I'd rather have chicken than fish. ~ .....
- 6 I didn't like cabbage at school. ~ .....
- 7 I don't mind where we stay. ~ .....

### 7 Complete the questions.

- ▶ Do you prefer getting up very early or very late?
- 1 ..... you prefer to be a champion horse rider or a champion footballer?
- 2 Would you ..... have a lot of friends or only a few close ones?
- 3 Would you ..... to live an extra ten years, or have \$1,000,000?
- 4 In general, I ..... mind what time I eat in the evening. What about you?
- 5 Pop or classical music. Do you have a ..... ?
- 6 Do you prefer Mondays ..... Fridays?

### ABOUT YOU

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### 8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 7, or ask another student.



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