

GUIDED DISCOVERY – SPECIFIC PREFERENCES WITH ‘WOULD PREFER’

Watch the videos, fill in the gaps, and answer the questions about them.

Video #1:



– You know what, sweetie, when are we moving to Chicago? I wanna make sure we are able to find a nice house and I can sew the drapes and pick matching bed covers.
– This is how you now want to be spending this evening? This is what you wanna do?
– You started it.
– No, you are the one who will not shut up about it. But if you wanna talk about it, really talk about it, **I would prefer _____ an unemotional, rational conversation.** Do you think we could do that?
– Here we go, unemotional, rational. You always play the part of the one and only rational one. And I'm the irrational, hysterical, hormone-crazy one because I have emotions. You sit back and speak from your big perspective, which means everything you say is true.
– I don't always do anything.
– The world is fucked by unemotional, rational men deciding shit. Politicians going to war, corporate heads deciding to wreck the environment. Cheney, Rumsfeld, very rational men.

What is the sentence **in bold** about?

PAST or PRESENT/FUTURE

ONE'S OWN ACTIONS or OTHER PEOPLE'S ACTIONS

What construction is used after ‘would prefer’? _____

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Video #2:



- Yes, I've already informed the SECNAV.
- You did?
- I figured it was the least I could do. Considering the bad news I had to give them earlier. Why? **Would you prefer _____ it?**
- No. That's fine.

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Video #3:



- Thanks for letting me stay here tonight, Nana.
- Oh, you're welcome here anytime, Michael. But I hate to think of that pretty little girl of yours fretting and worrying about you.
- I don't want to hurt her. I'm just afraid that we're too different.
- Well, different is good.
- Yeah, but she's got to have an opinion about everything. If she sees something wrong, she got to say something about it.
- **And what would you prefer her _____ ?** Sit back, smile, and pretend like everything's okay?
- That's what I do.
- And that's what you were doing before you met her. Sitting in that sad little apartment, 50 pounds heavier, pretending everything was okay.
- God, I was a mess.
- And if that woman had just shut up and left well enough alone, you'd still be a mess.

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Video #4:



- You saved my life. I'm grateful.
- I could not watch you die and do nothing.
- You saved Robin, too.
- That was incidental.
- Was it?
- Marian, I've been assuming that since Hood became an outlaw... that you've had nothing further to do with him. Was I wrong to assume that?
- No.
- Because if you were associating with an outlaw... the punishment would be more severe than house arrest. The punishment... would be death.
- **Would you prefer me _____ you die?**

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