

A

Likes and dislikes

	agree	disagree
I love rock music. I'm really into dance music. [like it very much; <i>informal</i>] I like a lot of pop music. 	So do I. / Me too. So am I. / Me too. So do I. / Me too.	Really? I don't. Really? I'm not. Do you? I hate it.
I quite like salsa and samba. I don't mind jazz. [it's OK]	So do I. / Me too. Yeah, it's OK.	Oh, I'm not very keen. Oh, I can't stand it.
I'm not very keen on folk music. I can't stand classical music. [dislike it very much; <i>informal</i>] I hate opera. 	Neither am I. / Me neither. Neither can I. / Me neither. So do I. / Me too.	Really? I love it. Really? I quite like it.

Language help

Many of these verbs can be followed by a noun or an -ing form, e.g. *I love driving, I like singing, I don't mind work, I dislike driving, I can't stand getting up early, I hate cold weather.*

B

Attitudes and interests

My **attitude to** a lot of things has changed over the years. [how you think or feel about something]

I **used to** like chips. [I liked chips in the past but not now.]

I used to play computer games, but now they **don't interest** me. [I don't find them interesting.]

I'm very **interested in** modern architecture, but I used to think it was awful.

I used to go swimming a lot, but now I **don't go at all** [*at all* makes a negative stronger].

Mark and I used to have the same **interests** [things we enjoy doing], but now it seems we **have nothing in common** [have no interests that are similar; *opp* **have a lot in common**].

Common mistakes

I'm **interested in** seeing that. (NOT I'm interest in seeing that; OR I'm interested to see that.)

It takes time to **get used to** [become familiar with] **living** in a different country.

I didn't like my new glasses at first, but now I've **got used to** them.

I found the winters very cold at first, but you **get used to** it.

C

Which do you, or would you, prefer?



A: Which do you **prefer** in general, tea or coffee?
[like more]



B: Well, I **prefer** coffee **to** tea in the morning, but in the afternoon I usually drink tea.



A: Tonight, we can go to the cinema or the theatre.
Which **would you prefer**?



B: I think I'd **prefer to** go to the cinema. (*syn* **I'd rather**)

Exercises

68.1 Correct the mistakes in B's replies.

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| 1 A: I can drive.
B: So do I. <u>can</u> | 5 A: I don't like shopping.
B: Me too. |
| 2 A: I love modern art.
B: Yes, so I do. | 6 A: Do you like football?
B: Yes, but I prefer rugby than football.
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| 3 A: Do you like chocolate?
B: Yes, I like very much. | 7 A: Do you like this?
B: No, I'm not interest in music.
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| 4 A: Do you like it in England?
B: Yes, I'm getting used to live here. | |

68.2 Complete each sentence with one word.

- My sister loves Robbie Williams, but I can't stand him.
- The two boys have nothing in; they're completely different.
- The others enjoyed the film, but I didn't like it at
- I love the cinema, but this particular film doesn't me.
- Carole is really modern art at the moment. Personally, I hate it.
- I to love cheese, but I never eat it now.
- A: Would you like to go out? B: I'd stay here, actually. Is that OK with you?
- I didn't like raw fish at first, but I'm used to it now.

68.3 Agree with the statements using **so** or **neither** and the correct verb. Then agree using **Me too** or **Me neither**.

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| 1 I love this ice cream. | <u>So do I.</u> | <u>Me too.</u> |
| 2 I like strawberries. | | |
| 3 I don't like cold tea. | | |
| 4 I can't work with music on. | | |
| 5 I'm single. | | |
| 6 I'm not married. | | |
| 7 I've got a cat. | | |

68.4 Rewrite the sentences using the word in capitals. Keep a similar meaning.

- He likes salsa. INTO He's into salsa.
- I hate these new shoes. STAND
- She'd prefer to go home. RATHER
- I don't like James Bond films very much. KEEN
- I think the new building is alright. MIND
- I went riding a lot in the past, but not now. USED
- We have a lot of the same interests. COMMON
- I'm becoming familiar with this new computer. USED
- I don't feel the same way about work now. ATTITUDE

68.5 Over to you

Complete the sentences. If possible, compare your answers with someone else.

- I really like I prefer to
- I don't mind doesn't interest me.
- I can't stand I used to