

Exercise 4

Read the information and think carefully about the way *like*, *love* and *prefer* are used in the sentences. What does each sentence mean? Choose the correct answers.

Verb forms with *like*, *love* and *prefer*

- After some verbs (e.g. *enjoy*, *finish*), the next verb must be an *-ing* form.

Example: *I enjoy swimming.*

- After some verbs (e.g. *want*, *decide*), the next verb must be a *to-infinitive*.

Example: *I want to go.*

- After some verbs (e.g. *like*, *love* and *prefer*), both forms are possible, with a small difference in meaning.

Example:

I like swimming. (= I enjoy the action or experience of swimming.)

I like to swim every day. (= Swimming is a habit or something I prefer to do.)

- I like to go to the gym twice a week.*
 - The person has a lot of fun at the gym.
 - The speaker feels positive about his/her routine.
- I like going for long walks in the countryside.*
 - The person feels happy while he/she is walking.
 - The person thinks it's important to go for long walks.
- Board games are OK but I prefer playing video games.*
 - The person is happier about the fact that he/she plays video games than board games.
 - The person thinks video games are more fun than board games.
- I prefer to read a book before I watch the film version.*
 - The person enjoys reading books more than watching films.
 - The person thinks it's better to read the book before watching the film version of the book.
- I love to get up really early and take photos of the sunrise.*
 - The person enjoys the process of getting up early.
 - The person often gets up early, and enjoys being awake at that time of day.
- I love playing football.*
 - The person has a good time when he/she plays football.
 - The person is happy about the fact that he/she often plays football.

