

## WOULD RATHER / PREFER/WOULD PREFER

### EXERCISE 1

Choose the best answer to fill the gap in each of the following:

- I prefer coffee \_\_\_\_\_ tea.  
a. to b. than c. from
- I don't fancy the theatre again. I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.  
a. to b. go c. going
- Although I love relaxing on beaches, I think I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains.  
a. walk b. walking
- I'd rather speak to him in person \_\_\_\_\_ things over the phone.  
a. than discuss b. to discussing c. to discuss
- I prefer trains \_\_\_\_\_ cars.  
a. from b. than c. to
- I'm not a big fan of cars; I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ by train.  
a. travelling b. travel
- 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
- They'd rather have lunch inside, but I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ outside in the garden.  
a. eat b. eating c. to eat

### EXERCISE 2

Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 'Shall I tell Ann the news? 'No, I'd rather she didn't know'.

2. Do you want me to go now or would you rather I \_\_\_\_\_ here?
3. Do you want to go out this evening or would you rather \_\_\_\_\_ at home?
4. This is a private letter addressed to me. I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ read it.
5. I don't really like these shoes. I'd rather they \_\_\_\_\_ a different colour.
6. A: Do you mind if I turn on the radio?  
B: I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_. I'm trying to study.

### EXERCISE 3

Complete the sentences using the words in bold.  
Use **two** to **five** words.

1. Fiona likes dogs more than cats.  
**PREFERS**  
Fiona prefers \_\_\_\_\_
2. Please don't smoke in the office.  
**YOU**  
I'd rather you \_\_\_\_\_ in the office
3. Michael would rather play football than do his homework.  
**PREFER**  
Michael would prefer \_\_\_\_\_ do his homework
4. We'd rather you didn't talk about Susan like that!  
**NOT**  
We'd prefer you \_\_\_\_\_ about Susan like that
5. James thinks going to pubs is better than staying at home.  
**TO**

James prefer \_\_\_\_\_ at home