prefer, would rather, would prefer, had better

Had better + infinitive without to. I'd better **chop** the vegetables. I'd better **not go** there.

I prefer sth to sth else: I prefer the small chair **to** the big chair.

I prefer doing sth to doing sth else: I prefer **sailing to travelling** by plane.

I prefer to do sth rather than (do) sth else: I prefer **to play** the piano **rather than** (**play**) the guitar.

Would prefer + infinitive with to + (rather) than + infinitive without to/gerung:

We would prefer **to eat** in a restaurant (rather) than **eat/eating** at home.

Would rather +infinitive without to + (than + infinitive without to):

They would rather **take** the bus than **take** a taxi.

Would prefer+ object + infinitive with to:

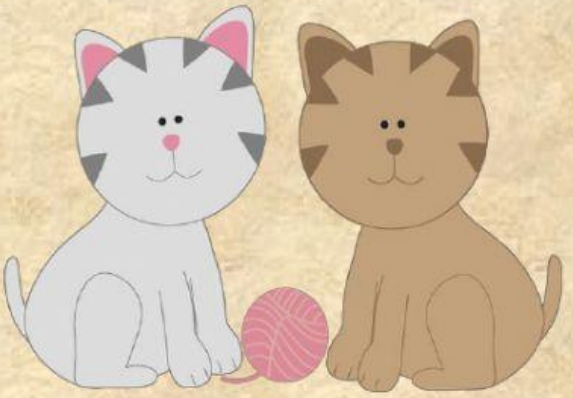
She would prefer **him** to **to finish** the job.

Would rather + subject + past simple:

I would rather **he finished** the job.

Exercise 1

1. They prefer vegetables ..... meat.
2. She prefers working ..... studying at school.
3. I prefer to send emails ..... phone.
4. He prefers that flat ..... a house with a garden.
5. They prefer to eat salad ..... soup.
6. I prefer this book ..... the book you are reading.
7. He prefers to do puzles ..... do crosswords.
8. I prefer listening to music ..... watching films.
9. We prefer green olives ..... black ones.
10. You prefer to walk ..... run in the countryside.



Exercise 2

1. She prefers juice **to/than/from** fizzy drinks.
2. Sarah rather have lunch on the deck but John prefers **to eat/eating/eat** in the kitchen.
3. I prefer planes **than/to/for** boats.
4. I don't like the theatre. I'd rather **to go/go/going** to a concert.
5. I'm not very keen on computers. I prefer **writing/write** by hand.
6. I'd rather speak to her in person **to talk/to talking/than talk** to her over the phone.
7. I love reading books, but I prefer **watch/watching** TV.
8. She prefers studying lessons **to do/to doing** school projects.
9. I prefer meat **to/than/from** fish.



exercice 3. Rephrasing

1. Bill would rather live with his grandparents than live with his father.
2. I prefer eating fried eggs to eating boiled eggs.
3. On Sundays we'd prefer to eat in a restaurant rather than at home.
4. Lisa would prefer us not to meet in the library.
5. We'd rather stay home than go to the gym.
6. I prefer to search the internet rather than look up a word in the dictionary.
7. They would prefer him to come in the morning.
8. I'd rather have a part time job than no job at all.
9. He prefers going out with a girl to dating online.
10. I'd rather finish my homework now than leave it for tomorrow.

Exercise 4. Rephrasing

1. She'd rather they did all the cooking.
2. I'd rather you watered the plants.
3. I'd prefer to go to school by bus rather than walk.
4. They'd prefer to rent a house than rent an apartment.
5. She'd rather I cleaned the windows.
6. He would prefer her to feed the pet.
7. I'd rather take the motorbike than take the bicycle.
8. We' rather you washed the car.

9. They'd prefer me to inform the mother.

10. I'd rather you made your bed.

11. I'd rather they went to school.

12. I'd prefer them to start working.

Exercise 5. Rephrasing

1. Becky should go to the doctor pretty soon.

2. Bill shouldn't say those things.

3. We should rest for a long time.

4. He ought to search for the real information.

5. He should go to a different shop.

6. You should put the bread on the table.

7. He shouldn't tell lies to his mother.

8. I oughtn't to go to Paris.

9. We shouldn't write on the walls.

10. The should listen to the teacher.