

## Talking about PREFERENCES

### PREFER / WOULD PREFER / WOULD RATHER

**EX. 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      c. to 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      c. to travelling
- 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

**Ex. 2** Complete the sentence using the word in bold. Use two to six words.

- Fiona likes dogs more than cats.  
PREFERS  
Fiona \_\_\_\_\_.
- Michael would rather play football than do his homework.  
PREFER  
Michael would \_\_\_\_\_ do his homework.
- James thinks going to pubs is better than staying at home.  
TO  
James prefers \_\_\_\_\_ at home.
- I'd prefer to leave later if you don't mind.  
YET  
I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ if you don't mind.
- I'd rather walk than catch a bus.  
RATHER  
I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ a bus.

6. I don't really want to go out tonight.

PREFER

I \_\_\_\_\_ go out tonight.

**Ex. 3** Complete the gaps with the missing words.

1. Carmen prefers reading books \_\_\_\_\_ watching films.
2. What would you \_\_\_\_\_ do tonight - eat at home or go out to a restaurant?
3. I'd prefer to look for a job rather \_\_\_\_\_ go to university.
4. I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ go for a walk today, if you don't mind.
5. Paul says he \_\_\_\_\_ rather watch paint dry than go to see a ballet.
6. Laura doesn't want to go out today. She'd \_\_\_\_\_ rather stay at home.