

## WOULD RATHER

The verb phrase *would rather* is equivalent in meaning to *prefer*. We can use it to:

- A) talk about preferences for ourselves (*would rather* + infinitive without to)
- B) talk about preferences for other people (*would rather* + subject + past tense)

*The verb <i>go</i> is used as an example	
A) I/You/He/She/We/They'd rather	<i>GO* BY MYSELF</i> <i>NOT GO BY MYSELF</i>
B) I/You/He/She/We/They'd rather <u>you</u>	<i>STAYED AT HOME</i> <i>DIDN'T GO OUT</i>

Complete the following sentences with the correct verb form (some of them are negative):

1. I'd rather Adam (study) \_\_\_\_\_ before the exams.
2. I'd rather (repeat) \_\_\_\_\_ what I just said. I want to say it just once.
3. She'd rather students (behave) \_\_\_\_\_ correctly.
4. I'd rather you (spend) \_\_\_\_\_ too much money on my present. A cheap one is enough!
5. We'd rather they (bring) \_\_\_\_\_ children at tomorrow's party. It's adults only.
6. We'd rather (clean) \_\_\_\_\_ this mess before the guests arrive.
7. I'd rather (play) \_\_\_\_\_ with you than with him. I like you more.
8. I'd rather you (cheat) \_\_\_\_\_ when we play; it is not fair!
9. She'd rather (have) \_\_\_\_\_ a swimming pool in her garden instead of those flowerbeds.
10. They'd rather their children (play) \_\_\_\_\_ with each other more often.
11. He'd rather his brother (have) \_\_\_\_\_ so many problems with money. Now he has to pay for everything.
12. I'd rather winter (be) \_\_\_\_\_ so cold here.
13. He'd rather (come) \_\_\_\_\_ tonight; he said he's busy.