

# 87 Likes, dislikes and preferences

## A Likes and dislikes



### MISCHA BARON: the food king!

I'm mad about food and I absolutely love cooking.

I'm very fond of spicy Asian food, particularly Thai and Korean.

I'm not very keen on washing up afterwards, though!

As a child, I didn't like cabbage very much, but I've got used to it now.

There are only two things I really dislike: one is sweetcorn, and the other thing I can't stand is yoghurt.

I don't like takeaway food at all.

### Meaning

be mad about sth/sb *inf* like sth/sb very much

SYN be crazy about sth/sb *inf*

absolutely love (doing) sth *inf* love (doing) sth very much

be fond of sth/sb / of doing sth like or enjoy sth/sb, especially sth/sb you have liked for a long time

spicy having a strong taste because it contains powder of the seeds from a plant

be keen on (doing) sth *inf* (usually used in the negative) like or enjoy (doing) sth

get used to sth start to know sth well or accept it after a time

dislike *rather formal* not like sth/sb dislike *n*

can't stand (doing) sth strongly dislike SYN hate

not at all not in any way. If you don't like sth at all, you dislike it very much.

### SPOTLIGHT word order with *like/enjoy*, etc.

Look at the word order in these examples.

► I like cooking **very much**. (NOT *like very much cooking*.) ■ Jules likes Japanese food **a lot**. ■ She **doesn't enjoy** eating meat **very much**.

### 1 Write the words and phrases in the wordpool in the correct column.

hate ✓ can't stand	be mad about not like (sth) at all	be fond of be crazy about	absolutely love be keen on
like very much	like	dislike	
.....	.....	hate	.....
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### 2 Rewrite the sentences using the words on the right. The meaning must stay the same.

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| ► I don't enjoy eating in street cafés.     | FOND            | I'm not very fond of eating in street cafés. |
| 1 My sister absolutely loves seafood.       | CRAZY           | .....  |
| 2 I hate cooking for a lot of people.       | STAND           | .....  |
| 3 Sayid doesn't like spicy food very much.  | KEEN            | .....  |
| 4 My father really dislikes fish.           | AT ALL          | .....  |
| 5 I'm not very fond of fried food.          | LIKE; VERY MUCH | .....  |
| 6 I'm starting to like the local food here. | GET USED TO     | .....  |

### 3 ABOUT YOU Correct the mistakes in the sentence beginnings.

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|------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------|
| ► I'm not very keen for ...  | I'm not very keen on | 4 I not very fond of ...        | ..... |
| 1 I'm mad in ...             | .....                | 5 I love absolutely ...         | ..... |
| 2 I don't stand ...          | .....                | 6 Recently, I've got use to ... | ..... |
| 3 I very don't much like ... | .....                | 7 I hate cook ...               | ..... |

### 4 ABOUT YOU Complete the sentences in Exercise 3. Write about food or other things you like or like doing. If possible, tell another student.

- I'm not very keen on food that is very spicy.



## B Preferences and responses

<p><i>In general, do you prefer black or white coffee?</i> ~ I prefer my coffee black. ~ So do I.</p> <p><i>Do you prefer lamb to beef?</i> ~ Oh, no. I can't stand lamb. ~ No, neither can I.</p> <p><i>Do you usually go to the office?</i> Yes, but I prefer working at home.</p> <p><i>Would you prefer to [ ] stay in or go out tonight?</i> Would you rather [ ] ~ I'd rather stay in (than go out). ~ So would I.</p> <p><i>Shall we have rice or pasta? Do you have a preference?</i> ~ I don't mind what we have. Whatever you prefer.</p>	<p><b>prefer X or Y</b> like one thing or person more than another <b>so do I</b> = me too (Use <b>so</b> to agree with a positive statement.)</p> <p><b>prefer X to Y</b> <b>neither/nor can I</b> I think the same as you. (Use <b>neither</b> to agree with a negative statement.)</p> <p><b>prefer doing (sth)</b></p> <p><b>would prefer to do sth</b> would like to do one thing more than another thing <b>SYN would rather do sth</b></p> <p><b>Do you have a preference?</b> = Which do you prefer? <b>I don't mind.</b> = I don't have a strong opinion about it. <b>whatever</b> used to say it doesn't matter to the speaker which thing is chosen</p>
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### SPOTLIGHT *so/neither do/have/can*, etc.

When we use **so** and **neither** to express the same opinion as the speaker, we use auxiliary verbs **be**, **do**, **did**, **have**, and modal verbs **would**, **can**, **should**, etc.

- I like ice cream. ~ So do I.      ■ I've tried crocodile meat. ~ So have I.      ■ I'd prefer water, please. ~ So would I.
- I don't mind sugar in coffee. ~ Neither do I.      ■ I can't stand butter. ~ Neither can I.      ■ I didn't like that film. ~ Neither did I.

### 5 One word is missing for each speaker. What is it, and where does it go?

- A Would you / banana or cherry yoghurt? prefer      3 A I rather see a film than sit here all evening. ....  
B I/mind. don't      B So I. ....
- 1 A I can't stand hip hop music.      4 A I speaking English to writing it. ....  
B can I – I hate it. ....      B do I. ....
- 2 A We can fly or drive. Do you a preference? ....      5 A I mind where we go on holiday. ....  
B Not really – you prefer. ....      B do I. Anywhere hot! ....

### 6 Agree with the statements using **so** or **neither** and the correct verb and subject.

- I prefer working in a team. ~ So do I. ....
- 1 I'm mad about cooking. ~ ....
- 2 I've eaten a lot of spicy food. ~ ....
- 3 I can't stand people smoking next to me. ~ ....
- 4 Orange or apple juice? I don't have a preference. ~ ....
- 5 I'd rather have chicken than fish. ~ ....
- 6 I didn't like cabbage at school. ~ ....
- 7 I don't mind where we stay. ~ ....
- 8 I'd prefer to live in a city than a village. ~ ....

### 7 Complete the questions.

- Do you prefer ..... getting up very early or very late?
- 1 ..... you prefer to be a champion horse rider or a champion footballer?
- 2 Would you ..... have a lot of friends or only a few close ones?
- 3 Would you ..... to live an extra ten years, or have \$1,000,000?
- 4 In general, I ..... mind what time I eat in the evening. What about you?
- 5 Pop or classical music. Do you have a ..... ?
- 6 Do you prefer Mondays ..... Fridays?

### ABOUT YOU

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### 8 ABOUT YOU Write your answers to Exercise 7, or ask another student.



#### TEST YOURSELF