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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 ~~*I 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 ✓	be mad about	be fond of	absolutely love
can't stand	not like (sth) at all	be crazy about	be keen on

like very much	like	dislike
.....	.....	hate
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

2 Rewrite the sentences using the words on the right. The meaning must stay the same.

▶ 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.

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

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B Preferences and responses

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

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 don't mind sugar in coffee. ~ Neither* ***do*** *I.*
- *I've tried crocodile meat. ~ So* ***have*** *I.*
- *I* ***can't*** *stand butter. ~ Neither* ***can*** *I.*
- *I'd prefer water, please. ~ So* ***would*** *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
B I /mind. don't

1 A I can't stand hip hop music.
B can I – I hate it. _____

2 A We can fly or drive. Do you a preference? _____
B Not really – you prefer. _____

3 A I rather see a film than sit here all evening. _____
B So I. _____

4 A I speaking English to writing it. _____
B do I. _____

5 A I mind where we go on holiday. _____
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.

ABOUT YOU

▶ 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?

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

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