

# How to ... talk about hypothetical preferences



We can use a range of different expressions to talk about things we would or wouldn't like to do.

Ми можемо використовувати різні вирази, щоб говорити про те, що ми хотіли б або не хотіли б робити.

## Expressing a preference between two or more options

Вираження переваги між двома або більше варіантами

Given the choice, I'd ...

→ Якби був вибір, я б...

If it was up to me, I'd ...

→ Якби рішення залежало від мене, я б...

I'd rather ...

→ Я б краще...

I'd sooner ...

→ Я б скоріше... (дуже близьке за значенням до I'd rather)

I'd go for ... (noun / -ing)

→ Я б обрав / обрала...

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## Talking about things you are very keen to do

Говоримо про те, що нам дуже хочеться зробити  
I'd jump at the chance to ...

→ Я б із радістю ухопився / ухопилася за можливість...

I'd give my right arm for a chance to ...

→ Я б віддав(ла) все на світі за можливість...  
(стійкий вираз, означає дуже сильне бажання)

## Talking about things you are very keen to do

Говоримо про те, що нам не дуже хочеться робити  
I'd probably give ... a miss (noun / -ing)

→ Я, мабуть, пропущу... / не буду цим займатись  
I wouldn't choose to ...

→ Я б не обрав / не обрала...

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## Expressing a strong feeling of not wanting to do something

Вираження сильного небажання щось робити

No way would I ever ...

→ Ні за що на світі я б не...

I'd run a mile at the thought of ... (-ing)

→ Я б утік(ла) при самій думці про...

You wouldn't catch me ... (-ing)

→ Ти ніколи не побачиш мене за тим, щоб я...

Nothing would make me ... (bare infinitive)

→ Ніщо не змусило б мене...

QUIZLET



Choose the correct phrases to complete the conversations.

1 A: Shall we cook something this evening or do you want to go out to eat?  
 B: **I'd sooner / I wouldn't choose to** eat out, to be honest. I don't really feel like cooking.

2 A: I've put my name down for an obstacle race in June. Do you fancy doing it with me?  
 B: You're joking! **Nothing would make me / I'd jump at the chance to** crawl through mud and climb over stupid obstacles!

3 A: We could watch a crime drama if you want. Or there are plenty of comedy shows.  
 B: **Given the choice, I'd / No way would I ever** watch the comedy. I could do with cheering up.

4 A: Have you heard? Jake's gone on a rock-climbing holiday.  
 B: I know, I can't believe it! **You wouldn't catch me / I'd go for** doing something dangerous like that!

5 A: I'm going to New York in the summer.  
 B: You're so lucky! **I'd run a mile at the thought of / I'd give my right arm for a chance to** go there!



Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There are two words you do not need.

arm catch choice make miss rather up way

1 I don't mind going to a karaoke bar to listen to the rest of you, but I'll probably give the singing a .....!

2 If it was ..... to me, I'd go to a live concert rather than watch one on TV.

3 No ..... would I ever go swimming with sharks!

4 I'd give my right ..... for a chance to play tennis at Wimbledon!

5 Given the ....., I'd go to India – it's such an interesting country.

6 You wouldn't ..... me performing on a stage!



Rewrite the sentences using the words in brackets.

- 1 I hate the idea of climbing Mount Everest! (catch)
  
- 2 I would really love to go to Mexico. (jump)
  
- 3 I would prefer to stay in this evening. (up to)
  
- 4 I don't think I would choose the sightseeing tour. (miss)
  
- 5 I would love the chance to be in a reality TV show. (arm)
  
- 6 If I could choose, I'd buy a sports car. (choice)