

Talking about things you like or dislike



To talk about whether you like or dislike something, you can say:

► *I find it very pleasant. I find them a bit boring.*

To say that someone likes something, you can say:

► *She's quite keen on Chinese food. He's very keen on football.*

If you like something, but do not have strong feelings about it, you can say:

► *I don't mind swimming. She doesn't mind staying in sometimes.*

If you like something a lot, you can say:

► *I really like your new coat.*

If you strongly dislike something, you can say:

► *I can't stand fish. I can't bear their music.*

If you like one thing more than another, you can say:

► *I prefer pasta. I prefer fish to meat. I prefer to study on my own.*

Asking about what people like or dislike

To ask about what someone likes or dislikes, you can say:

► *What do you think of the book? What's her house like? How's your meal? Are you pleased with your language course?*

Exercise 4

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

- 1 I'd like to go running before work
- 2 Helen liked the movie
- 3 Our hotel was terrible
- 4 I really like her jeans
- 5 I don't mind swimming,
- 6 My friends like going to clubs

but

- a I prefer playing volleyball.
- b the weather was pleasant.
- c that jacket is awful!
- d I can't bear getting up early.
- e I can't stand the loud music.
- f I found it a bit boring.

Exercise 5



Use the words from the box to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

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Elisabeth: What do you ¹ think of the clothes in the stores at the moment?

Leila: I've seen some really ² _____ jackets and some great shirts, but I don't like those very narrow trousers that everyone is wearing.

Elisabeth: I agree. I think they look ³ _____ awful unless you're very tall.

Leila: Are you ⁴ _____ with the coat you bought?

Elisabeth: I love it! It's so bright – wearing it makes me feel happy!

Leila: I know what you mean – I can't ⁵ _____ dark colours.

Jan: What sort of food do you like, Otto?

Otto: I'm quite ⁶ _____ on Asian food, especially Indian food. Do you like Indian food?

Jan: I don't ⁷ _____ it, but I ⁸ _____ Italian food.

Otto: What's your favourite Italian food?

Jan: Well, I really ⁹ _____ pizza – I could eat it every day.

Otto: Really? I ¹⁰ _____ pizza a bit boring.



Use the words you've learned...

Choose a subject (e.g. food, sport, books, clothes) and describe things you like and dislike.