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Lesson 20- GRAMMAR

EXPRESSING PREFERENCES

Objective

By the end of this lesson, you should be able to express your preferences correctly in English.
En français : à la fin de cette leçon, tu dois pouvoir dire ce que tu préfères entre plusieurs choix.

1. Using « prefer »

PREFER means « préférer ».

- I prefer tea to coffee. → Je préfère le thé au café.
- I prefer reading to watching television. → Je préfère lire plutôt que regarder la télévision.
- She prefers saving money to spending it. → Elle préfère économiser plutôt que dépenser.

Structure: PREFER + noun / verb-ing + TO + noun / verb-ing

2. Using « would prefer »

WOULD PREFER is generally used for a particular choice or situation.

- I would prefer tea. → Je préférerais du thé.
- I would prefer to stay at home. → Je préférerais rester à la maison.
- She would prefer to pay by card. → Elle préférerait payer par carte.

Structure: WOULD PREFER + noun / TO + verb

3. Using « would rather »

WOULD RATHER also expresses preference.

- I would rather stay at home. → Je préférerais rester à la maison.
- I would rather save my money. → Je préférerais économiser mon argent.
- He would rather walk than take a taxi. → Il préférerait marcher plutôt que prendre un taxi.

Structure: WOULD RATHER + base verb + THAN + base verb

4. Asking about preferences

- Which do you prefer, tea or coffee?
- Do you prefer cash or mobile payment?

- Would you prefer to stay or leave?
- Would you rather study at home or at school?

5. Answering

- I prefer coffee.
- I prefer cash to mobile payment.
- I would prefer to stay.
- I would rather study at home.

6. PREFER vs WOULD PREFER vs WOULD RATHER

Expression	Use	Example
Prefer	general preference	I prefer tea to coffee.
would prefer	particular choice	I would prefer to stay.
would rather	particular preference	I would rather stay.

7. Common errors

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| ✗ I prefer tea than coffee. | ✓ I prefer tea to coffee. |
| ✗ I prefer read to watch TV. | ✓ I prefer reading to watching TV. |
| ✗ I would prefer stay home. | ✓ I would prefer to stay home. |
| ✗ I would rather to stay home. | ✓ I would rather stay home. |
| ✗ I would rather stay to leave. | ✓ I would rather stay than leave. |

8. Practice exercise

Complete with: prefer – to – would prefer – would rather – than.

- I _____ tea to coffee.
- She prefers reading _____ watching television.
- I _____ to pay by card.
- We _____ stay at home than go out.
- He would rather save money _____ spend it.

Remember

PREFER ... TO ... • WOULD PREFER TO + VERB • WOULD RATHER + VERB ... THAN ...



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