

EXPRESSING PREFERENCE: WOULD PREFER

- SAME SUBJECT

PREFER: used to talk about general preference

1. Noun + TO + Noun:

I prefer coffee to tea

2. -ing + TO + ing

I prefer skiing to swimming

3. + To Infinitive + RATHER THAN + Bare Infinitive

I prefer to eat fish rather than (eat) meat

WOULD PREFER + TO Infinitive: to talk about specific preference

Would you like to have a cup of coffee? I'd prefer to have some water

Another clause can be introduced by **rather than + bare infinitive:**

He'd prefer to stay at home rather than drive to the restaurant

- DIFFERENT SUBJECT

Prefer takes an object when we want to introduce a new subject.

*I would prefer **her** to stay at home*