

WOULD RATHER

Would rather or *'d rather* is used to talk about preferring one thing to another. It has two different constructions.

1. SAME SUBJECT

Positive: I **would rather go** to bed

Negative: I **would rather not eat** in this restaurant

Question: **Would you rather eat** at home **or** in a restaurant?

When we want to refer to the past, we use *would rather*+ *have*+ Past Participle

She'd rather have studied to be a doctor (but she is an engineer)

2. DIFFERENT SUBJECT

The verb is in the Past Simple

I would rather / **I'd rather (that) you didn't** speak so loudly.

He would rather/**he'd rather she didn't** drink that much

WOULD RATHER ... THAN

we say would rather ... than

I'd rather drive a hybrid car **than** an electric cart

SHORT RESPONSES WITH WOULD RATHER NOT

Would you like to dance?

I'd rather not. Thanks.

WOULD SOONER= WOULD RATHER

Would rather is much more common