**EXPRESSING PREFERENCES**

**1. PREFER**

We use “prefer”

• to state general preferences.

*I don’t like big cities. I prefer living in the countryside. / My little daughter prefers wearing pink clothes instead of yellow or green ones.*

**Subject + prefer/s+ verb(ing) + *to* + verb(ing)**

Affirmative

I / You / We / They prefer visiting historical places.

He / She / It prefers

Negative

I / You / We / They don’t prefer visiting historical places.

He / She / It doesn’t prefer

Interrogative

Do I / you / we / they prefer visiting historical places?

Does he / she / it prefer

*I prefer a full-time job to a part-time one.*

*My son prefers playing computer games to playing an instrument.*

*Turkish people prefer to go on a beach holiday rather than go on an adventure holiday.*

**2. WOULD RATHER**

We use “would rather”

• to state specific preferences.

*I would rather visit Aquarium when I go to İstanbul this summer.*

*I would rather stay at home and watch a movie with my friends tonight.*

**Subject + *would rather* + verb + *than* + verb**

Affirmative

I / He / She / It We / You / They would rather (‘d rather) eat out.

Negative

I / He / She / It / We / You / They would rather not eat out.

Interrogative

Would I / he / she / it / we / you / they rather eat out?

**3. WOULD PREFER**

We use “would prefer”

• to say what someone wants in a specific situation not in general.

A: *Shall we meet in front of the theatre?*

B: *No, I would prefer to meet in front of the City Hall. It is nearer.*

**Subject + would prefer + to + verb + rather than + verb**

Affirmative

I / He / She / It / We / You / They would prefer to go there by train.

Negative

I / He / She / It / We / You / They wouldn’t prefer to go there by train.

Interrogative

Would I / he / she/ it / we / you / they prefer to go there by train?

\*\*\* Would rather and would prefer have the same meaning but;

We use **Subject + *would rather* + verb + *than* + verb**

*The sun is shining outside. I would rather sit in the garden than play chess here.*

We use **Subject + would prefer + to + verb + rather than + verb**

The match on TV is very exciting. I would prefer to watch it rather than chat with my parents.