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## SPEAKING Talking about preferences

I can ask about, express and explain preferences.



- 2  4.4  2.13 Study the Speaking box.  
Watch or listen. Find examples of talking about preferences in the text.

### Speaking

### Talking about preferences

#### Asking about and expressing preferences

(What) would you rather + *verb*?

(What) would you prefer to + *verb*?

I'd rather + *verb* I'd prefer to + *verb*

#### Giving reasons

It sounds very funny/great/boring ...

It looks good. It's healthier.

*I'm not mad about (dancing).  
It sounds (very funny).*

**OUT** of  
class



## Section A

Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Then role play the conversation with your partner. Play the role of Dan.

Dan: How was the <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dance class, Skye?

Skye: Good, but it was hot. Do you want to try it?

Dan: No, thanks, I'm not <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about dancing. I'd prefer to <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ something.

Skye: Well, there are two activities this afternoon. There's the outdoor cinema that's showing a comedy, or a puppet show. What would you prefer to see?

Dan: Definitely the comedy. It sounds very <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Let's go together.

Skye: OK. We should take some food with us. I'd rather eat outside in this weather.

Dan: Great! How about a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?

Skye: Mmhh. I'd prefer to get something different. After all, it is an international festival.

Dan: OK. What would you <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have?

Skye: I think I'd prefer a Mexican dish. Maybe the chilli with rice.

Dan: OK. Cool! Let's see what we can find.

**If your partner needs help, give him/her these choices.**

1 do / try

4 international / arts

2 magic / puppet

5 Chinese / Mexican

3 rather / prefer

6 beans / chilli



## Section B

Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Then role play the conversation with your partner. Play the role of Skye.

Dan: How was the African dance class, Skye?

Skye: Good, but it was hot. Do you want to <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it?

Dan: No, thanks, I'm not mad about dancing. I'd prefer to watch something.

Skye: Well, there are two activities this afternoon. There's the outdoor cinema that's showing a comedy, or a <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ show. What would you <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to see?

Dan: Definitely the comedy. It sounds very funny. Let's go together.

Skye: OK. We should take some food with us. I'd rather eat outside in this weather.

Dan: Great! How about a pizza?

Skye: Mmhh. I'd prefer to get something different. After all, it is an <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ festival.

Dan: OK. What would you rather have?

Skye: I think I'd prefer a <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ dish. Maybe the <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with rice.

Dan: OK. Cool! Let's see what we can find.

**If your partner needs help, give him/her these choices.**

1 African / Asian

4 exciting / funny

2 keen / mad

5 pizza / burger

3 watch / play

6 rather / prefer





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# 1 **CLASS VOTE** What do you like doing with your friends?

do music/dance classes    eat out  
go to music events    play instrument(s)  
watch films or shows

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**3** Make questions with the words below. Ask and answer them. Use the ideas in brackets to help you.

1 you / rather / do / tonight? (stay in / go out)

*What would you rather do tonight?*

*I'd rather stay in.*

2 you / prefer / to watch / at the cinema? (a horror / spy film)

3 you / rather / have for dinner? (Chinese food / Indian food)

4 you rather / learn? (the drums / the electric guitar)

5 you / prefer / dance to? (salsa / hip hop)



**4** Study the poster. In pairs, discuss which activities you'd prefer to do.

*Would you rather listen to ... or ... ?*

*I'd rather ... because ...*

**Don't miss the fun!... comedy shows,  
outdoor cinema, live music, puppet  
shows, dance and drama classes, games,  
tasty food... and more!**





You haven't seen your friend for ages you want to go somewhere together.

Discuss and decide together where to go

