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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

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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 ¹ _____ dance class, Skye?

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

Dan: No, thanks, I'm not ² _____ about dancing. I'd prefer to ³ _____ 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 ⁴ _____. 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 ⁵ _____?

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

Dan: OK. What would you ⁶ _____ 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

2 magic / puppet

3 rather / prefer

4 international / arts

5 Chinese / Mexican

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 ¹ _____ 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 ² _____ show. What would you ³ _____ 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 ⁴ _____ festival.

Dan: OK. What would you rather have?

Skye: I think I'd prefer a ⁵ _____ dish. Maybe the ⁶ _____ 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

