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Part 1-: Likes, Dislikes, & Preferences (Listening)

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Lesson 1: Likes, Dislikes, & Preferences

Todd: So, Meg, what do you like to do in your free time?

Meg: Actually, I love cooking. I like to try new dishes and I love baking as well.

Todd: Oh, nice. That's interesting. Because I hate cooking.

Meg: Oh, really?

Todd: Yeah. And I don't know anything about baking, but I like cleaning. Cleaning is relaxing.

Meg: Really? Is that true?

Todd: Yeah. Really, I like cleaning. So, my house is usually very clean.

Meg: My house is usually clean also, but I don't like cleaning very much.

Todd: Yeah, I think most people don't like cleaning. But some people think cleaning is relaxing. Like me.

Meg: That's true. What else do you like to do?

Todd: Well, I like exercising. I like going to the gym. I like listening to podcasts. So, I listen to a lot of podcasts a lot. I like surfing the internet. And sometimes, I enjoy reading books.

Meg: I also enjoy reading books when I have time.

Todd: But these days, I often listen to books instead. I listen to audio books.

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Meg: Oh really?

Todd: Yeah, I like listening to audio books.

Meg: Why?

Todd: Because I can exercise at the same time.

Meg: So, exercising and reading at the same time.

Todd: Yeah, it's fun. So, I love jogging and I go jogging almost every day, usually for one hour. I listen to audio books when I jog.

Meg: So, you can do two things at once.

Todd: Very important. Multitasking. I love multitasking.

Meg: Sounds like you're good at multitasking.

Todd: Let's talk about outdoor activities. Do you like doing yard work?

Meg: I don't *especially* like doing yard work. But right now, I don't have a yard. So, doing yard work isn't something I have to worry about. What about you?

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Todd: I like doing yard work. I think it's very relaxing. It's like cleaning. So, I enjoy it. But like you, I don't have a yard. So, now I don't do yard work very much. Or I can't do yard work.

Meg: So, you like gardening if you have a yard?

Todd: Yeah. I grew up on a big house. So, we have lots of yard work, lots of gardening. So, yeah.

Meg: Right.

Todd: But what about other things like hiking, do you like hiking?

Meg: I love hiking. Anything that is in nature, I love doing. I love hiking. I love kayaking. I love canoing. Any outdoor sports. Do you like hiking?

Todd: I do. *I'm with you.* I love hiking. What about things like rock climbing?

Meg: I have never been rock climbing. Have you gone rock climbing?

Todd: No. Rock climbing looks dangerous. So, I'm still scared.

Meg: Yeah,

Todd: So, I've never done rock climbing either. What about things like singing and dancing? Do you enjoy singing and dancing?

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Meg: I enjoy singing, but I'm not very good at it. So, I like singing when I'm alone or in my car. Are you good at singing?

Todd: No, I'm terrible at singing. So, I hate singing. I really, really hate singing. But I like going to karaoke and listening to people sing.

Meg: Yeah, some people are really good at singing. What about dancing?

Todd: I hate dancing too. Yeah, I'm not good at dancing. So, dancing is very embarrassing for me. I don't like it.

Meg: I'm not good at dancing *either*.

Todd: Are there any other activities you really dislike doing? Like for me, I hate writing letters. For example, I don't like writing thank you letters. I don't like writing anything with my hand. Typing is okay. I *don't mind* typing things, but I hate writing.

Meg: So, using your hand to write, you hate writing?

Todd: Yeah, I like typing. Fingers is okay. Thumb is okay on the phone. I don't mind texting, I don't mind typing. I just don't like physically writing with a pencil or a pen.

Meg: Yeah. Pen or a pencil, like writing a letter.

Todd: Right. Because my writing is really bad, and it's hard to read. So, it's embarrassing.

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Meg: I'm sure it's fine.

Todd: Yeah. How about you? For example, do you like iron in your clothes?

Meg: I don't like having my clothes, but my clothes usually don't need ironing, so I don't have to worry about it too much. I don't like doing laundry. It's related to ironing clothes. So, it takes a long time. And the clothes, I have to dry the clothes. So, doing laundry is a little bit boring for me.

Todd: I don't mind doing laundry if I go to the coin laundry, but I hate hanging my laundry out. I hate hanging out my laundry. It *takes forever*. I don't know why, you put it out, you take it back in, it just takes so much time.

Meg: That's funny. *I'm kind of the opposite*. I don't mind hanging out my laundry, because I like saving money, so I don't have to use money at the coin laundry.

Todd: Plus, you are helping the environment.

Meg: That's true. I like helping the earth.

Todd: Yeah, I should change. Okay. Thanks Meg.

Meg: Yeah.

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Vocabulary from the Lesson

especially

I don't *especially* like doing yard work.

The adverb 'especially' shows a stronger feeling about one thing compared to other things. Notice the following:



1. I love playing sports, especially basketball.
2. I do not like scary movies, especially ones about ghosts.

I'm with you

I *am with you*. I love hiking.

Here, the phrase 'I'm with you' means the person has the same opinion or feeling about something. Notice the following:



1. Oh, you don't like Marvel movies. I'm with you. I hate them.
2. I'm with you. I don't like going to Karaoke either.

either

I'm not good at dancing *either*.

The word 'either' is similar to 'too' or 'also' and it is used to show that two negative things are similar or related. Notice the following:



1. I cannot drive. My wife cannot drive either.
2. She does not work on Saturdays. I don't either.

don't mind

I *don't mind* typing things, but I hate writing.

When you don't mind doing something that means you do not dislike it. You might not love it, but you do not dislike it. Notice the following:



1. I don't mind working on the holidays.
2. I don't mind taking the bus to work. I can read on my commute.

it takes forever

It *takes forever*.

When something takes forever that means it takes a very long time. Notice the following:



1. It takes forever to drive across town on weekends due to traffic.
2. If you want to lose weight, it might take forever, but be patient.

kind of the opposite

That's funny. *I'm kind of the opposite*.

Here, when someone says they are the opposite that means they have a different, or opposite, feeling about something. Notice the following:

1. My wife loves staying home, but I'm kind of the opposite.

My dad is very talkative, but mom is kind of the opposite.

Vocabulary Quiz

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3) What do they both dislike?

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- ☐ b) Dancing
- ☐ c) Ironing

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Part 2: What would you say in the following situations? (Idioms & collocations)

Phrases for liking something:

- “I like...”

I like... Italian food / rock music / learning languages.

Your sentence: I like _

- “I like it a lot.” / “I really like...” (more common)

I like... this restaurant / my teacher ...a lot.

I really like... my new apartment / playing tennis / my boyfriend’s parents.

Your sentence: I really like

- “I love...”

I love your haircut! / I love to read. / I love the way he writes.

Your sentence: I love _

- “I absolutely love...”

I absolutely love this dress. / I absolutely love traveling with my family.

Your sentence: I absolutely love



These are the most common expressions. “I like” is the weakest, and “I absolutely love...” is the strongest.



You can use “like” and “love” for both **nouns** (like food, houses/apartments, music, movies, books, etc.) and **verbs** (reading, learning, playing tennis, etc.)

As mentioned in a previous lesson, after “like” and “love” you can use either the “to” form or the -ing form of the verb with no difference in meaning. I like to read = I like reading.

Note:

Be careful not to make the common mistake of saying “I like very much this city” – the correct way to say it is: “I like this city very much.”

Here are a few phrases for liking things that are **used in more specific situations**:

- **“I’m fond of...”**

*This phrase is used when you have a special, warm, emotional attachment to something. For example, you could say, “I’m fond of this photo. It was taken on our honeymoon.” The expression “I’m fond of...” can also be used for **people**.*

Your sentence: I’m fond of ____

- **“I’m crazy about...” / “I’m really into...”**

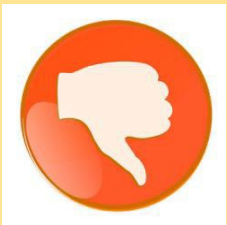
Both of these phrases are informal.

Your sentence: I’m crazy about ____

- **“It’s right up [one’s] alley.”**

This expression means that some activity is perfect for a person’s personality and interests. If Denise enjoys marketing and design, then the new website project is “right up her alley.”

Your sentence: _____ is right up my alley.



- **“I didn’t like it at first, but then it grew on me.”**

Use this phrase when you didn’t like something initially, but then you began to like it as time passed.

Your sentence: I didn’t like __ at first, but then it grew on me.

Phrases for disliking something:

We don't usually say "I dislike" in English. It's more typical to say "I don't like..." However, depending on the situation, you might want to express your dislike more indirectly. These phrases are diplomatic and polite ways to say you don't like something:

"I'm not a big fan of..."

I'm not a big fan of horror movies.

Your sentence: I'm not a big fan of ____.

• **"I don't care for..."**

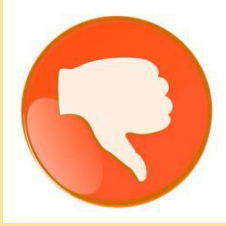
I don't care for spicy food.

Your sentence: I don't care for _.

"I'm not crazy about..."

I'm not crazy about this painting.

Your sentence: I'm not crazy about _.



Phrases for disliking something:

I don't really like going to parties where I don't know anybody. I don't really like my sister-in-law.

I don't really like video games.

Your sentence: I don't really like _____.

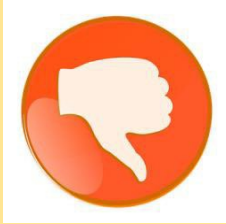
- **“It's not my thing. / It's not my cup of tea.”**

Skiing is not my thing.

Going to nightclubs is not my cup of tea.

These expressions are used only for activities, not for people or objects.

Your sentence: _____ is not my thing.



The first three phrases are most typically used with **objects**. The last phrases are used for **activities**. And the phrase **“I don't really like...”** can be used for **people, objects, or activities**.

If you want to express **strong dislike**, you can use these phrases:

- **“I can't stand...”**

I can't stand Margaret. She talks too much!

I can't stand it when people call me and don't leave a message.

Your sentence: I can't stand_.

- **“I don't like it at all.”**

I don't like this hotel at all.

I don't like Peter at all. He seems dishonest.

Your sentence: I don't like____ at all.

- **“I hate...”**

I hate tomatoes.

I hate going out in the rain. Your sentence: I hate ____.

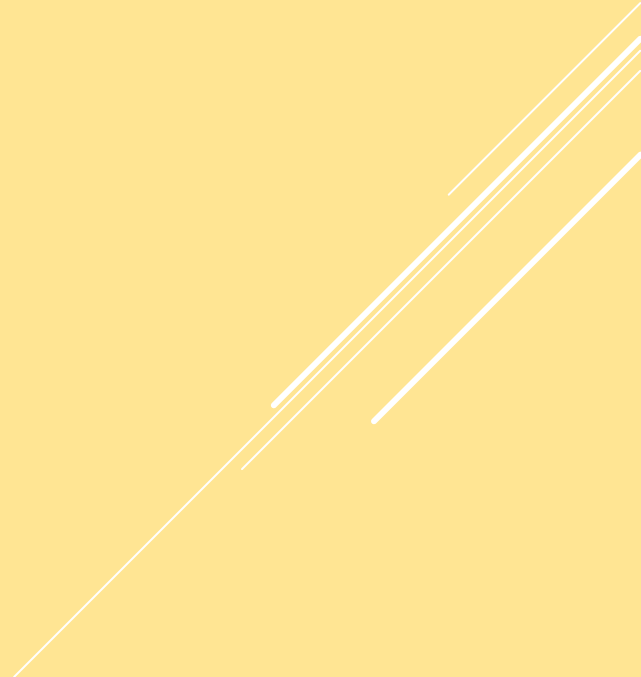


The expression “I can’t stand...” is used more for *annoying* things. “I don’t like it at all” is a strong statement of dislike, and “I hate...” is the strongest statement.

A few other words for “hate” are **loathe**, **detest**, and **despise**, although these are less common.

One very common structure is to say “**I hate it when...**” or “**I can’t stand it when...**” and then describe the situation that angers or annoys you.

“I hate to delay the project any further.” This way of using the word “hate” means something more like “I don’t want to delay the project any further” or ***“I think it’s unfortunate to delay the project any further.”***



Finally, what do you say if you **have no preference**? Here are a few options:

Which one do you prefer? Which one do you like better?

- **“It doesn’t matter to me.”**
- **“It makes no difference to me.”**
- **“It’s all the same to me.”**

- **“I don’t care. / I couldn’t care less.”**

These phrases – especially the second one – are a little bit rude.

- **“It’s up to you. / It’s your decision. / It’s your call.”**

Say these when you don’t have a preference, and you want the other person to make the decision.

Part 3: Speaking Practice

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•Do you like music? (dislike)

Student: no, I don't really like it / I don't really like music.

Correction:

•What kind of music do you like?

Student: I **really** like romantic music.

Correction:

•Who are your favorite singers or bands?

Student: **My** favorite singer is Hamza Namera.

Correction:

•Do you like music or musicians from other countries as well? If so, who or what kind?

•Student: no, I **don't really LIKE** music or musicians from other countries .

I'M not crazy about music or musicians form other countries.

Correction:

•Can you name some singers or groups that you dislike.

Student: Yes, I don't really like some singers such as Mohamed Ramdan,.

Correction:

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•Do you like to watch TV? (like)

Student: Yes, I like to watch tv sometimes. Yes, I am crazy about watching Tv.

Correction: Yes, I **really like** watching/ to watch tv sometimes.

•Do you like movies? (strong dislike)

Student: no, I am not crazy about movies.

No, I am not a big fan of movies.

Correction:

•What are your favorite kinds of programs or shows?

Student: I **really (x) love** cultural shows or programs افلام. / documentaries. برامج ثقافية

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Correction: I **absolutely love** cultural shows or programs.

•Who are your favorite actors?

Student: I don't really like any actor. I am not crazy about any actors.

Correction:

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- What kinds of movies or which actors don't you like?

Student: I am not crazy about horror movies.

Correction:

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- Do you like sports?
 - ▶ Student: It's all the same to me.
 - ▶ **Correction:**
- What are your favorite kinds of sports?
 - ▶ Student: My favorite sport is Gymnastics.
 - ▶ **Correction:**

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- Do you like reading?
 - ▶ Student: Yes, I really like/ absolutely love reading,.
 - ▶ **Correction:**
- Do you like books?
 - ▶ Student: Yes, I absolutely love books
 - ▶ **Correction:**
- Do you like reading books offline or online?
 - ▶ Student: I am crazy about reading books offline
 - ▶ **Correction:**

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- What are your favorite kinds of books?
 - ▶ Student: My favorite kind of books is science books. Scientific علمي
 - ▶ **Correction:**
- What are your favorite book titles?
 - ▶ Student: My favorite book title is “A trip to the Space”
 - ▶ **Correction:**
- Who are your favorite authors?
 - ▶ Student: My favorite author is Mohamed Samy.
 - ▶ There are other authors but I don't remember them now. آخرين
 - ▶ **Correction:**



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- What is your favorite color? (No Preference)
- ▶ Student: My favorite color is pink.
- ▶ It's all the same to me." / They are all the same to me/ it doesn't matter to me.
- ▶ Correction:



Thank you!😊