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1. Describe your preferences

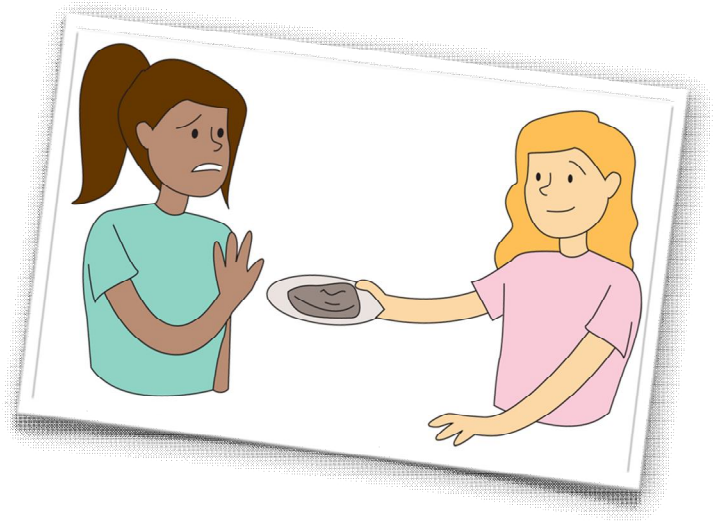Read the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: *Do you like the white shirt or the blue shirt?*

B: I prefer the blue one.

A: *Really? I like the white one better.*

B: I think the blue one looks better with your beige pants.

A: *Maybe, but I still prefer the white one.*

2. Describe your preferences

Complete the dialogue, and practice with a partner.

A: *Which do you like _____, chicken or beef?*

B: I _____ beef.

A: *Okay, I'll make hamburgers.*

B: Do you _____ chicken burgers better?

A: *No. I _____ have a preference.*

B: Okay. Let's have _____ then.

A: *Sounds good.*

3. About Us

Change the information in bold to true information about you and your partner. Practice again.

A: *Which do you like better, **chicken or beef**.*

B: I prefer **beef**.

A: *Okay, I'll make **hamburgers**.*

B: Do you like **chicken burgers better?**

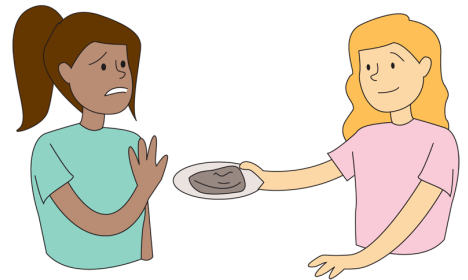**A**: **No. I don't have a preference.**

B: Okay, let's have ***hamburgers*** then.

A: *Sounds good.*

4. Sentence Building

Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1. (Which/Why)_____do you prefer, movies or television?

2. (Do/Which) _____ you like pink better than orange?

3. I like books better (than/then) _____ magazines.

4. Yumi (prefer/prefers) _____chicken to beef.

5. I don't have a (preference/prefer) _____.

Tip

prefer = like better

Do not say or write "I prefer better".

I prefer milk.   ***I like milk better.***   ***I prefer ~~better~~ milk.***

Word Forms

prefer = verb "*I prefer apples to oranges.*"

preference = noun "*I don't have a preference.*"

preferable = adjective "*Sunshine is preferable.*"

preferably = adverb (if possible) "*We'd like a big bed. (King size, preferably)*"

5. Speaking Practice

Talk about these subjects with a partner. Describe your preferences.

1. Colors
2. Entertainment
3. Food
4. Vehicles
5. Fashion

For Example:

A: I prefer red to blue. How about you?
B: I like green better than red.

6. Asking about preferences

Use the topics above to practice asking questions to your partner about his or her preferences.

For Example:

A: Which do you prefer, movies or TV shows?
OR
A: Which do you like better, apples or oranges?

Rather
You can also use **would + rather** to indicate a preference. Shorten *I would* to *I'd*.

• I *would rather* have eggs *than* cereal.
• I *would rather* have milk *than* cream.
• I'd *rather* run *than* take a car.

A: Which would you rather have chicken or beef?

B: I'd rather have beef.

A: Okay, I'll make hamburgers.

B: Would you rather have chicken burgers?

A: No. I don't have a preference.

B: Okay. Let's have hamburgers then.

A: Sounds good.

About Us
Change the dialogue to information about you and your partner.

A: Which would you rather have,
_____?

B: I'd rather _____.

A: Okay, I'll make _____.

B: Would you rather have
_____?

A: No. I don't have a preference.

B: Okay. Let's have _____ then.

A: Sounds great.