

WOULD RATHER VS PREFER

1 Which do you prefer? Write sentences using 'I prefer (something) to (something else)'. Put the verb into the correct form where necessary.

1 (drive/ travel by train).. I prefer to travelling by train.

2 (tennis/ football) I prefer.....

3 (phone people/ write letters) I.....to.....

4 (go to the cinema/ watch films on TV).....

Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using the structure 'I prefer (to do something)...'

5 (1) I prefer to drive rather than travel by train.

6 (3) I prefer to.....

7 (4)

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Write sentences using I'd prefer... or I'd rather... + one of the following:

eat at home get a taxi go alone go for a swim listen to some music
think about it for a while wait a few minutes wait till later

Shall we walk home?	(prefer) I'd prefer to get a taxi.
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1 Do you want to eat now? (rather) I'd rather wait till later.

2 Shall we watch TV? (prefer).....

3 What about a game of tennis? (rather).....

4 Shall we leave now? (rather).....

5 Do you want to go a restaurant? (prefer).....

6 I think we should decide now? (rather).....

7 Would you like to sit down? (rather).....

8 Do you want me to come with you? (prefer).....

Now write sentences using “than” and “rather than”.

- 9 (get a taxi/ walk home) I’d prefer to get a taxi rather than walk home.
10 (go for a swim/ play tennis) I’d rather.....
11 (wait a few minutes/ leave now) I’d rather.....
12 (eat at home/ go to a restaurant) I’d prefer.....
13 (think about it for a while/ decide now) I’d rather.....

3 Complete the sentences using *would you rather I...*

- 1 Are you going to cook the dinner or would you rather I cooked it?
2 Are you going to tell Ann what happened or would you rather.....?
3 Are you going to do the shopping or.....?
4 Are you going to answer the phone.....?

4 Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

- 1 ‘Shall I tell Ann the news?’ “No, I’d rather she didn’t know”
2 Do you want me to go now or would you rather I.....here?
3 Do you want to go out this evening or would you rather.....at home?
4 This is a private letter addressed to me. I’d rather you.....read it.
5 It’s quite a nice house but I’d rather it.....a bit bigger.
6 “Do you mind if turn on the radio?” “ I’d rather you..... . I’m trying to study.”