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Prefer would prefer would rather exercises pdf

What is the difference between prefer and rather. Would rather and prefer exercises. Would rather vs prefer.

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Exercise # 17 / Homework #: _____

A. INSTRUCTIONS: Check the two correct sentences and correct the other sentences.

- Sam would prefer not go to school tomorrow.
- Theo would rather get involved in problems.
- They would prefer not to send donations by mail.
- He would rather people volunteered in the hospital.
- We would rather she not to volunteer anywhere dangerous.
- We'd prefer not collect donations until tomorrow.

B. INSTRUCTIONS: Complete the text with the verbs in parenthesis in the correct form.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

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WOULD RATHER - PREFER - HAD BETTER

WOULD RATHER
WOULD RATHER is followed by the bare infinitive (without to) and "than".
I would rather read the paper than watch the news report.
short form: 'd rather...

PREFER
PREFER is followed by a verb in the -ing form and "to".
I prefer reading books to watching stupid films.
In contrast to "would rather", prefer refers to general preferences, not specific occasions.

HAD BETTER
HAD BETTER is used to give advice. It is formed with the bare infinitive (without to).
You had better lose some weight.
short form: 'd better / 'd better + not + verb.
You had better (you'd better) not forget the umbrella.
NOTES ABOUT THE PAST
would rather and had better are followed by the past participle if had better comes earlier.

Rewrite the following sentences using "would rather", "prefer" or "had better", as given in brackets.

- You really must lose weight. Look at the scales! (BETTER)
- I don't want to see the film. I want to sleep. (RATHER)
- The brakes are defective. You must have them repaired. (BETTER)
- I would love to stay here a little longer, but I have to go. (RATHER)
- I wish I hadn't bought this dress. It was too expensive. (BETTER)
- Yesterday I went to a party, but I really shouldn't have stayed so long. (BETTER)
- Sally would love an ice-cream, not a piece of cake. (RATHER)
- It's starting to rain, but I didn't bring my umbrella. (BETTER)
- Oh, I can't stand tea. Please pour me some coffee. (RATHER)
- I like vegetables. I never eat fast food. (PREFER)
- I really want to see the film and not hear your jokes! (RATHER)
- I don't like reading books. I love playing computer games. (PREFER)
- Kim is Peter's girlfriend. But she dreams of kissing James. (RATHER)
- I got an F in the exam because I didn't study hard enough. (BETTER)
- I like to ride my bike, not to go by car. (PREFER)

Would prefer is followed by to + infinitive or a noun.
I'd rather have fruit juice. I'd prefer to have fruit juice. I'd prefer fruit juice. We use a past tense after would rather when we speak about the actions of other people, even though that action may be in the present or future. I'd rather you took a taxi (instead of walking) - it's not safe on the streets at night. The film is quite violent. I'd rather our children didn't watch it. We say: would rather.
than It's such nice weather - I'd rather sit in the garden than watch TV. We say: would prefer... rather than / instead of It's such nice weather - I'd prefer to sit in the garden rather than watch TV. When we talk about general preferences, we can use prefer or would rather. The meaning is the same. I prefer walking to cycling. I would rather walk than cycle. After prefer we use the verb in the -ing form. After would rather we use the infinitive without to. I prefer using a keyboard to writing with a pen. I'd rather use a keyboard than write with a pen. (I'd = I would) We say: prefer... to... We say: would rather... than... I prefer walking to driving.

Exercise 1
1. I prefer walking to cycling.
2. I would rather go to the cinema than watch DVDs at home.
3. I prefer being very busy to having nothing to do.
4. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
5. I prefer to be very busy rather than have nothing to do.
6. I prefer to be very busy rather than have nothing to do.
7. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
8. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
9. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
10. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.

Exercise 2
1. I prefer driving to travelling by train.
2. I prefer basketball to football.
3. I prefer going to the cinema to watching DVDs at home.
4. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
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10. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.

Exercise 3
1. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
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3. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
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7. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
8. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
9. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.
10. I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home.

I'd rather walk than drive. 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) 2 (basketball / football) I prefer 3 (go to the cinema / watch DVDs at home) I at home. 4 (the very busy / have nothing to do) I Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using the structure 'I prefer to (do something)'. 5 (1) 6 (3) I prefer to 7 (4) 1 I prefer driving to travelling by train. 2 I prefer basketball to football. 3 I prefer going to the cinema to watching DVDs at home. 4 I prefer to go to the cinema rather than watch DVDs at home. 5 I prefer to be very busy rather than have nothing to do. Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need one word, sometimes more. 1 Shall we walk home? get a taxi. 2 Do you want to eat now? I'd prefer till later. 3 Would you like to watch TV? I'd to listen to some music. 4 Do you want to go to a restaurant? I'd rather at home. 5 Let's leave now. wait a few minutes. 6 What about a game of tennis? I'd prefer for a swim. 7 I think we should decide now. I'd think about it for a while. 8 Would you like to sit down? to stand. 9 Do you want me to come with you? I'd rather alone. Now use the same ideas to complete these sentences using than and rather than. 10 I'd rather a taxi 11 I'd prefer for a swim 12 I'd rather

PREFER WOULD RATHER

WE CAN USE PREFER TO OR PREFER +ING
EXAMPLE: I PREFER TO EAT A SANDWICH OR I PREFER EATING A SANDWICH.
WE CAN SAY:
I PREFER TROUSERS TO SKIRTS
I PREFER WATCHING TV TO READING A BOOK.

WE USE WOULD RATHER + INFINITIVE WITHOUT TO
EXAMPLE: I'D RATHER EAT A SANDWICH.
THE NEGATIVE FORM OF RATHER IS RATHER NOT + INFINITIVE WITHOUT TO
EXAMPLE: I'D RATHER NOT BUY SANDWICHES.
WE CAN SAY:
I'D RATHER STAY IN THAN GO OUT
OR WE CAN SAY I'D PREFER TO STAY AT HOME RATHER THAN GO TO THE CINEMA.

WRITE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS USING I'D RATHER... I'D PREFER AND THE FOLLOWING VERBS:

BUY FOOD EAT A BANANA	DRINK COFFEE GO TO THE THEATRE	BUY IT LATER	WAIT IN THE HALL EAT AT HOME
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- SHALL WE TAKE A TAXI? 1-(PREFER) I'D PREFER TO WALK
- DO YOU WANT TO EAT AN APPLE? 2-(RATHER)
- SHALL WE GO TO THE CINEMA? 3-(PREFER)
- SHOULD I DRINK COFFEE? 4-(PREFER)
- DO YOU WANT TO EAT IN A RESTAURANT? 5-(PREFER)
- DO YOU WANT TO BUY IT NOW? 6-(RATHER)
- SHALL WE WAIT OUTSIDE? 7-(PREFER)
- DO YOU WANT TO COOK? 8-(RATHER)

COMPLETE THE SENTENCES USING PREFER, WOULD PREFER OR WOULD RATHER.

- WE ARE TRAVELLING AROUND THE COUNTRY BUT WE TRAVELLING BY TRAIN TO TRAVELLING BY PLANE.
- I WATCH COMEDIES THAN HORROR FILMS.
- I TO DRINK COFFEE, PLEASE.
- SHE'D PREFER TO WALK THAN TAKE A TAXI.
- HE TO PLAY RUGBY RATHER THAN PLAY GOLF.
- THEY PLAYING COMPUTER GAMES.

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WOULD RATHER / PREFER/WOULD PREFER

EXERCISE 1

Choose the best answer to fill the gap in each of the following:

1. I prefer coffee _____ tea.
a. to b. than c. from
2. I don't fancy the theatre again. I'd rather _____ to the cinema.
a. to b. go c. going
3. Although I love relaxing on beaches, I think I prefer _____ in the mountains.
a. walk b. walking
4. I'd rather speak to him in person _____ things over the phone.
a. than discuss b. to discussing c. to discuss
5. I prefer trains _____ cars.
a. from b. than c. to
6. I'm not a big fan of cars; I prefer _____ by train.
a. travelling b. travel
7. If I had a choice I think I'd rather _____ London.
a. live in Paris than in b. live in Paris to c. to live in Paris than
8. They'd rather have lunch inside, but I'd prefer _____ outside in the garden.
a. eat b. eating c. to eat

EXERCISE 2

Use your own ideas to complete these sentences.

1. 'Shall I tell Ann the news?' 'No, I'd rather she didn't know'.

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2 1 I'd rather 2 to wait 3 prefer 4 eat/stay 5 I'd rather (wait) / I'd prefer to (wait) 6 to go 7 I'd rather (think) / I'd prefer to (think) 8 I'd prefer to stand. 9 go 11 I'd prefer to go for a swim rather than play tennis. 12 I'd rather eat at home than go to a restaurant. 13 I'd prefer to think about it for a while rather than decide now. 14 I'd rather listen to some music than watch TV. Complete the sentences using would you rather I ... 1 Are you going to make dinner or? 2 Are you going to tell Anna what happened or would you rather? 3 Are you going to do the shopping or? 4 Are you going to phone Tanya or?
? 3 1 would you rather I made it 2 (would you rather) I told her 3 would you rather I did it 4 would you rather I phoned her Use your own ideas to complete these sentences. 1 'Shall I tell Anna what happened?' 'No, I'd rather she 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 matter. I'd rather you tell anybody else.' 5 'I don't want to make a decision without Jack and Sue. I'd rather they here.' 6 A: 'Do you mind if I put some music on?' B: 'I'd rather you I'm trying to study.' 4 1 didn't 2 stayed/ remained/ waited 3 stay 4 didn't 5 were 6 didn't