

SAY WHAT THEY LIKE AND DISLIKE

As a speaker of English, you'll often find yourself in situations where you need to convey your preferences and dislikes. Below, we'll explore a variety of expressions commonly used in English to express likes and dislikes.

Expressing Likes and Dislikes

To talk about your likes and dislikes, you can use the following expressions:

Expressing Likes:

- I like...
- I love...
- I adore...
- I'm crazy about...
- I'm mad about...
- I enjoy...
- I'm fond of...
- I'm passionate about...
- I have a soft spot for...
- I'm really into...
- I'm keen on...
- I'm a big fan of...

Expressing Dislikes:

- I don't like...
- I dislike...
- I hate...
- I abhor...
- I can't bear...
- I can't stand...
- I detest...

- I loathe...
- I'm not keen on...
- I'm not a fan of...
- I have an aversion to...
- I'm not particularly fond of...
- I find it unpleasant...
- It's not my cup of tea...
- I'm not crazy about...
- It rubs me the wrong way...

Example Sentences of Likes and Dislikes

Here are some example sentences of likes and dislikes

- I'm **mad about** basketball, but I **can't bear** ice hockey.
- I **adore** reading poetry, but I **loathe** doing housework.
- I **love** hiking in the mountains, but I **dislike** camping in the rain.
- I'm **crazy about** Italian food, but I **can't stand** spicy cuisine.
- I'm **fond of** watching movies, but I'm **not keen on** horror films.
- I **enjoy** playing the piano, but I'm **not a fan of** practicing scales.
- I'm **passionate about** traveling, but I have an **aversion to** flying.
- I **have a soft spot for** animals, but I **find** snakes terrifying.
- I'm **really into** photography, but I'm **not particularly fond of** posing for pictures.
- I'm **keen on** gardening, but I'm **not crazy about** weeding.
- I'm **a big fan of** cycling, but I'm **not too enthusiastic about** running.
- I'm **not keen on** crowded places, but I **love** exploring new cities.
- I'm **not a fan of** seafood, but I **love** sushi.
- I'm **not particularly fond of** spicy food, but I **enjoy** mild curries.
- **It's not my cup of tea** to go to loud concerts, but I **enjoy** acoustic performances.

Expressing Disinterest

When you feel neutral about something, neither particularly liking or disliking it, you can use the expression "I don't mind."

Examples:

- “I don’t mind doing the housework.”
- “I don’t mind going to the gym.”
- “I don’t mind eating leftovers.”
- “I don’t mind watching documentaries.”
- “I don’t mind taking the scenic route.”
- “I don’t mind attending meetings.”
- “I don’t mind waiting in line.”
- “I don’t mind running errands.”
- “I don’t mind listening to classical music.”
- “I don’t mind wearing casual clothes.”

Things To Remember About Likes and Dislikes

1. When these expressions are followed by a verb, the latter is put in the -ing form.

Examples:

- “I like listening to music.”
- “I hate wearing sunglasses.”

Structure:

I like	VERB+ING
I detest	
I don’t mind	

Talking About Likes and Dislikes

2. Note that “very much” and “a lot” always come after the things you like. Examples:
 - “I like basketball very much/a lot.” NOT “I like very much/a lot basketball.”
3. Be careful when using “I don’t mind...” Examples:
 - “Do you mind playing football?”

- “No, I don’t mind.” (Although it’s in the negative form, it means that it’s okay for me. I neither love it nor hate it.)

Example Dialogue:

Steve is at home. His wife comes in. Notice how they express their likes and dislikes.

Steve: Hello, darling. Do you fancy watching a movie tonight?

His wife: Oh, no thanks, I don’t really feel like watching a movie tonight.
How about going out instead?

Steve: Alright. Do you feel like going to the theater?

His wife: Oh, no. I hate it. How about trying that new Moroccan restaurant?

Steve: I don’t mind. Moroccan cuisine is fantastic too.

His wife: Oh, that sounds good. Let’s go there instead.

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