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Grammar worksheet + exercise: would rather, would prefer, prefer Exercise instructions 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 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 Download full-size image from Pinterest Would rather/would sooner Would rather/sooner + infinitive ... (than) We use would rather/sooner + infinitive (without to) to talk about preference. We can use it with than (+noun/infinitive) in affirmative sentences or with or in questions. I'd rather/sooner have tea, please. I'd rather/sooner have tea than drink that coffee. Would you rather/sooner have tea or coffee? Would rather/sooner + subject + past simple We can use would rather/sooner + subject + past simple to refer to the present or future. We'd rather/sooner she was/were with us now.* She'd rather/sooner I picked her up after lunch. Would you rather/sooner we went by bus or by train? Note that we can use were instead of was with I/he/she after would rather + subject. Prefer (Would) prefer + to + infinitive ... (rather than/instead of) We use prefer/would prefer + noun or to + infinitive to talk about specific preference, i.e. what we prefer on a specific occasion. I would prefer to stay in a hotel near the airport. (or I would rather stay...) 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She the country to the city.(a) prefers(b) would ratherAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you do it.(a) don't(b) didn't(c) hadn'tAnswer : BQuestion. That car cost much.(a) rather too(b) too ratherAnswer : AQuestion. 'Would you like a cup of coffee?' 'I would tea.'(a) prefer(b) ratherAnswer : AQuestion. I am full. I not have dinner tonight.(a) would rather(b) preferAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you talking to her.(a) stop(b) stopped(c) have stoppedAnswer : BQuestion. I would rather you call him names.(a) don't(b) didn't(c) notAnswer : BQuestion. 'I will repair your bike tomorrow.' 'I you did it today.'(a) prefer(b) would ratherAnswer : BQuestion. I go to the cinema than watch DVDs at home.(a) would rather(b) preferAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you for me.(a) waited(b) wait(c) have waitedAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather(a) not go(b) not to go(c) to not goAnswer : AQuestion. I mangoes to apples.(a) prefer(b) would ratherAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you come tomorrow.(a) didn't(b) don't(c) hadn'tAnswer : AQuestion. I driving to traveling by car.(a) prefer(b) would ratherAnswer : AQuestion. She live in the country than in the city.(a) would rather(b) preferAnswer : AQuestion. I don't enjoy this movie. It is rather(a) boring(b) boreAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you home.(a) go(b) went(c) had goneAnswer : BQuestion. 'Shall we hire a cab?' 'I travel by train.'(a) would rather(b) preferAnswer : BQuestion. I would rather stay at home go to the party.(a) prefer(b) than(c) toAnswer : BQuestion. She would rather than leave.(a) wait(b) to wait(c) waitedAnswer : AQuestion. I would rather you her about my problems.(a) don't tell(b) didn't tell(c) hadn't toldAnswer : BQuestion. They would rather than surrender.(a) die(b) to die(c) diedAnswer : A Like / Would Like Etc English Grammar ExercisesQuestion. I would like a few days off work.(a) taking(b) to take(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : BQuestion. I love new people.(a) meeting(b) to meet(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : A BQuestion. I enjoy odd jobs around the house.(a) doing(b) to do(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : AQuestion. I didn't have a nice time in London. I hated there.(a) living(b) to live(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : AQuestion. I don't mind outside.(a) waiting(b) to wait(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : AQuestion. I hate for trains.(a) waiting(b) to wait(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : B, AQuestion. I would like your parents.(a) meeting(b) to meetAnswer : BQuestion. Do you like on the weekends?(a) working(b) to work(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : A, BQuestion. I would like swimming today.(a) going(b) to go(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : BQuestion. I don't like people me what to do.(a) telling(b) to tell(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : AQuestion. Would you like us?(a) joining(b) to join(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : BQuestion. I don't like kept waiting.(a) being(b) to be(c) Either could be used hereAnswer : A, B Welcome to ESL Printables, the website where English Language teachers exchange resources: worksheets, lesson plans, activities, etc. Our collection is growing every day with the help of many teachers. If you want to download you have to send your own contributions. Page 2 Welcome to ESL Printables, the website where English Language teachers exchange resources: worksheets, lesson plans, activities, etc. Our collection is growing every day with the help of many teachers. If you want to download you have to send your own contributions.