

يُفضل أن / Would rather and would sooner يفضل

- We use the phrase **would sooner** when we say that we prefer one thing to another thing. They mean approximately the same as **would rather**:

نستخدم عبارة "would sooner" عندما نقول إننا نفضل شيئاً على شيء آخر. تعني تقريباً نفس الشيء الذي تعنيه "would rather".

- We use an infinitive without to (Bare infinitive) after **would rather** and **would sooner** 'In this lesson, we'll learn how to talk about our preferences using the phrases **would rather** and **would sooner**. These phrases help us say what we like or want to do or what we'd like other people to do.'

- I would rather/sooner sit inside.

- Would sooner has the same meaning as would rather, and the two can be used interchangeably; however, **would rather** is much more common but less formal.

NOTE: we often use a contraction when we use **would rather/would sooner** in sentences and short replies.

- I'd rather sit inside.

Would rather/would sooner + bare infinitive

- I'd rather to stay home than go out. ✗
- I'd rather staying home than go out. ✗
- I'd rather stay home than go out. ✓

- We use would rather/would sooner + bare infinitive (to express preferences about the present or future.)

- I would rather go by taxi than drive.

2. I'd rather stay home until I feel better.

- To **make the negative form**, we use **would rather/would sooner + not + infinitive**.

I would rather not have chicken again.

- We use **would + subject + rather/sooner + infinitive** in questions to ask about others' preferences.

Would you rather go by taxi?

- We can use the form **('d rather not)** in short answers to questions and requests.

"Would you like to watch a film tonight? → "Thanks, but I'd rather not."

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Would rather/would sooner + subject + past simple

- We use **(would rather/would sooner + subject + past simple)** to express that we would like someone else to do something. In this structure, we use the past simple, but the meaning is present or future.

1. I would rather you went home right now.
2. They'd rather their daughter studied something different.

NOTE: we use this structure when the subject before and after would rather/sooner is different.

I'd rather I waited here. ✗

I'd rather wait here. ✓

I'd rather we waited here. ✓

- When forming questions with this structure, we use **would + subject + rather + subject + past simple**.

1. Would you rather he came with you?
2. Would you rather I waited here?

- To **make the negative form**, we use **would rather/would sooner + subject + didn't...**

1. I'd rather you didn't come over. ✓

2. I'd rather you came over. ✗

- The same is true in the case of short replies.

Thanks, but I'd rather you didn't.

ملخص القاعدة

❖ **Would rather and would sooner are the same, but would rather is much more common:**

A. Both of them express a preference for one action or situation over another

B. Both of them are often used with the base form of a verb.

Example:

1. "I would rather stay at home tonight than go to the party."

This sentence indicates that staying at home is the preferred choice over going to the party.

تشير هذه الجملة إلى أن البقاء في المنزل هو الخيار المفضل على الذهاب إلى الحفلة.

2. "I would sooner take the train than drive."

This sentence indicates that taking the train is preferred over driving.

تشير هذه الجملة إلى أن ركوب القطار هو الخيار المفضل على القيادة.

3. My sister would rather not go to Italy. It's too hot there.

4. She said she'd sooner die than live in the countryside.

5. I'd rather dive than lie on the beach.

C. Both of them can also be used to express a preference for someone else do something

كلاهما يمكن أيضًا استخدامهما للتعبير عن تفضيل أن يقوم شخص آخر بشيء ما.

Example:

1. "I'd rather you didn't smoke here." "أفضل ألا تدخن هنا"

This implies a preference that the person should not smoke.

تشير هذه العبارة إلى تفضيل ألا يقوم الشخص بالتدخين.

2. "I'd sooner you told me the truth." "أفضل أن تخبرني بالحقيقة"

This suggests a preference for hearing the truth.

تشير هذه العبارة إلى تفضيل سماع الحقيقة.

❖ We use (would rather/ sooner + subject + past tense) to say that we don't want somebody to do something.)

نستخدم (would rather/sooner + subject + الماضي) لنقول إننا لا نريد أن يقوم شخص ما بفعل شيء معين.

1. I'd rather you cleaned the bathroom.
2. I'd rather you didn't go there alone.
3. I'd rather they didn't tell anyone.
4. I'd rather you didn't tell me what to order!

NOTE: would sooner is more formal than would rather but less common.

Prefer + infinitive to talk about a specific situation.

للحديث عن موقف محدد.

I would prefer **to eat** at home this evening.

Prefer + gerund to talk about general preferences.

للحديث عن التفضيلات العامة.

I prefer **eating** out.

SPEAKING

Talk about preferences

A. Asking about preferences:

سؤال عن التفضيلات

1. Which do/would you prefer? ... or ...?

أيهما تفضل؟ ... أم

؟...

2. What would you rather do? or ...?

ماذا تفضل أن تفعل؟ ... أم

؟...

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B. Expressing general preferences:

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التعبير عن التفضيلات

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| 1. I prefer ... (gerund) to ... (gerund).
(المصدر) | أفضل ... (المصدر) على ... |
| 2. I don't like either of them. | لا أحب أيّاً منهما |
| 3. I like them both equally. | أحب كليهما بنفس القدر |
| 4. I generally favour ... over... | ... عموماً أفضل ... على |

C. Making a choice:

اتخاذ خيار

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| 1. I'd prefer (to) ... rather than ... | أفضل أن ... بدلاً من |
| 2. I'd rather ... | أفضل أن |
| 3. I'd sooner (do) ... than... | أفضل أن (أفعل) ... بدلاً من |
| 4. Given the choice, ... | إذا كان عليّ الاختيار، |
| 5. I'd go for ... any day/every time. | سأختار ... في أي وقت |
| 6. I have a (slight) preference for (+ noun/gerund)
(بسيط) لـ | لدي تفضيل |

D. Giving someone else the choice

منح شخص آخر

الخيار

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| 1. It's up to you. | الأمر يعود إليك. |
| 2. It's your call | القرار قرارك. |
| 3. I'm easy | أنا مرن. |

Whatever/Wherever/Whichever you prefer. أي شيء/أيّما/أي خيار تفضله

In pairs, ask and answer questions about the topics below. Give examples and reasons for your preferences.

- sweet / savoury food
- eating with the family / eating in front of the TV
- Italian food / Chinese food
- getting a takeaway / eating out
- informal cafés / traditional restaurants

Example:

A: Which do you prefer: sweet or savoury food?

B: I favour savoury over sweet food, because I don't have a sweet tooth. So, if I'm hungry between meals, given the choice, I'd rather have some nuts than a biscuit.

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Complete the second sentences:

1. I don't want to eat late.

I'd rather

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...

2. I like home-cooked meals more than takeaways.

I prefer

.....

3. Would you rather eat inside or outside?

Which

.....

4. I really don't mind.

I'm

.....

5. If I could choose, I'd prefer to go somewhere quiet.

Given

.....

6. I don't like one more than one.

I

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7. I don't mind where we go.

I'll go

.....

Answers: 1. not eat late 2. home-cooked meals to takeaways 3. would you rather do, eat inside or outside 4. Easy 5. the choice, I'd prefer to go somewhere quiet 6. like them both equally 7. wherever you prefer / like / want

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