

Like, would like, comparatives and superlatives discussion questions

Choose a question below you think you can guess your partner's answer to. Write down what you think it will be and then ask the question (with the adjective in the right form) and check if your prediction was right. Discuss if you like, then take turns doing the same.

Would you like to live in a _____ (hot) country than the one you live in now?

Would you prefer to live in the _____ (hot) place in the world or the _____ (cold) place in the world? (*You have to choose one!*)

Would you prefer to live in the place with the _____ (dry) air in the world or the place with the _____ (humid) air in the world?

Do you like going on holiday to _____ (sunny) places than where you live?

Do you like dating people who are _____ (tall) or _____ (short) than you?

Would you like your grandchildren to be _____ (tall) than you?

Would you prefer to be _____ (rich) than now or _____ (famous) than now?

Would you like to live in a _____ (safe) city/ country than the one you live in now? If so, which one.

Would you prefer to have a _____ (beautiful) body or a _____ (intelligent) brain?

Would you prefer to have a _____ (good looking) body or _____ (healthy) body?

Would you like a house that is _____ (near) to your workplace or a house that is _____ (big) than the one you live in now?

Would you prefer to have a _____ (high) life expectancy or a _____ (exciting) life?

Do you like nightlife that is _____ (interesting) than going to a pub?

Would you like to visit the _____ (southerly) point of Antarctica?

What is the difference in meaning between "Do you like" and "Would you like" in the sentences above?

*Which one talks about something that is real to you now, e.g. something you often do?
Which one talks about something you may want to do in the future?*

What grammatical form follows each one?

Do “Do you prefer” and “Would you prefer” have the same structures and meanings?

Discuss which of the forms above could go in each of the sentences below. If both are possible, discuss the differences in meaning.

_____ like to do/ doing a parachute jump?

_____ like to sweat/ sweating?

_____ like to live/ living in a country with a cold winter?

_____ like to swim/ swimming with sharks?

_____ like to sunbathe/ sunbathing?

_____ prefer sunblock to suntan lotion?

_____ like to go/ going to hot springs?

_____ like someone to predict/ like people predicting your future?

_____ like to swim/ swimming in a mountain stream?

_____ like to be/ being the niece/ nephew of someone famous?

_____ like to do a tricky word puzzle/ doing tricky word puzzles (e.g. a crossword)?

_____ like to live/ living on Mars/ on the moon?

_____ like to stay/ staying in a B&B/ in a youth hostel/ on a campsite?

_____ like to have/ having a cockroach as a pet?

_____ like to be/ being a manual worker?

_____ like to belch (now)/ belching?

_____ to be/ being a priest?

Choose one of the sentences above and ask a “Do you...?” or “Would you...?” question. Your partner must answer “Yes”, even if it is a lie. You can then ask three more questions about what they said (e.g. “Why do you like cold countries?” or “Is winter your favourite season?”) and then guess if their original answer was true or false.

Do the same with your own questions.