



## Exercises

**59.1** Which do you prefer? Write sentences using 'I prefer (something) to (something else)'.

- 1 (driving / travelling by train)  
I prefer driving to travelling by train.
- 2 (basketball / football)  
I prefer .....
- 3 (going to the cinema / watching movies at home)  
I ..... to .....
- 4 (being very busy / having nothing to do)  
I .....

Now rewrite sentences 3 and 4 using **rather than**:

- 5 (1) I prefer to drive rather than travel by train.  
or I prefer driving rather than travelling by train.
- 6 (3) I prefer .....
- 7 (4) .....

**59.2** Complete the sentences. Sometimes you need one word, sometimes more.

- |   | A                                  | B                                     |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1 | Shall we walk home?                | I'd rather get a taxi.                |
| 2 | Do you want to eat now?            | I'd prefer to wait 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 go 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 (1) I'd rather get a taxi than wait for a bus.
- 11 (3) I'd rather ..... some music .....
- 12 (4) I'd prefer ..... at home .....
- 13 (6) I'd rather ..... for a swim .....
- 14 (7) I'd prefer ..... about it for a while .....

**59.3** Complete the sentences using **would you rather I ...**.

- 1 Are you going to make dinner or would you rather I made it?
- 2 Are you going to pay the bill or would you rather ..?
- 3 Are you going to do the shopping or ..?
- 4 Are you going to phone Tina or ..?

**59.4** Use your own ideas (one or two words) to complete these sentences.

- 1 'Shall I tell Anna what happened?' 'No, I'd rather she didn't know.'
- 2 You can stay here if you want to, but I'd rather you ..... with us.
- 3 I don't like this programme. I'd rather not ..... it.
- 4 I'd rather work outdoors ..... work in an office.
- 5 This is a private matter. I'd rather you ..... tell anybody else.
- 6 The weather here isn't bad, but I'd rather it ..... a little warmer.
- 7 I don't want to go to the match. I'd prefer ..... it on TV.
- 8 'Do you mind if I open the window?' 'I'd rather you ..... I'm feeling cold.'
- 9 I hate doing the shopping. I'd rather somebody else ..... it.
- 10 I'd prefer to go to the beach ..... go shopping.