

prefer

[prɪ'fɜː] *v*

1. предпочитатель, отдавать предпочтение
they preferred to die rather than surrender - они предпочли умереть, но не сдаться
I prefer meat well done - я предпочитаю /больше люблю/ хорошо прожаренное мясо
if you prefer - если хотите
2. представлять, подавать; выдвигать
to prefer a request [a complaint] - подать просьбу [жалобу]
to prefer a charge against smb. - выдвинуть обвинение против кого-л.
3. повышать (в чине); продвигать (по службе)
4. *юр.* предоставлять кредитору преимущественное право

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

prefer [prefer prefers preferred preferring] *BrE* [prɪ'fɜː(r)] *NAmE* [prɪ'fɜːr]

verb (-rr-)(not used in the progressive tenses)

to like one thing or person better than another; to choose one thing rather than sth else because you like it better

- ~ **sth** 'Coffee or tea?' 'I'd prefer tea, thanks.'
- I much prefer jazz to rock music.
- I **would prefer it if** you didn't tell anyone.
- A local firm is **to be preferred** .
- ~ **sth + adj.** I prefer my coffee black.
- ~ **to do sth** The donor prefers to remain anonymous.
- I prefer not to think about it.
- ~ **sb/sth to do sth** Would you prefer me to stay?
- ~ **doing sth** I prefer playing in defence.
- ~ **that...** (*formal*) I would prefer that you did not mention my name.

see bring/press/prefer charges against sb **at** ↑charge *n.*

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	prefer
	<i>BrE</i> /prɪ'fɜː(r)/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prɪ'fɜːr/
he / she /it	prefers
	<i>BrE</i> /prɪ'fɜːz/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prɪ'fɜːrɪz/
past simple, past participle	preferred
	<i>BrE</i> /prɪ'fɜːd/
	<i>NAmE</i> /prɪ'fɜːrɪd/

Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French *preferer*, from Latin *praeferre*, from *prae* 'before' + *ferre* 'to bear, carry'.

Thesaurus:

- prefer** *verb* **T** (not used in the progressive tenses)
- I'd prefer to stay at home.
 - especially spoken **would rather...** • |*BrE* **favour** • |*AmE* **favor** •

Example Bank:

- Egg pasta is certainly preferred by many chefs.
- Employers naturally prefer candidates with some previous experience of the job.
- Huge majorities apparently prefer reducing unemployment to fighting inflation.
- I greatly prefer this version.
- I happen to prefer action movies myself.
- I much prefer the orchestra's 1998 recording of the symphony.
- I prefer his earlier paintings to his later ones.
- I would really prefer to teach girls.
- Industries still tend to prefer virgin raw materials to recycled ones.
- We can eat out if you like, but I would prefer to stay in.
- You may simply prefer just to sit on the terrace with a cocktail.
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prefer *S2 W2* /prɪ'fɜː -'fɜːr/ *BrE* *AmE* *verb* (past tense and past participle **preferred**, present participle **preferring**) [transitive not in progressive]

[**Word Family:** *adverb* ↑preferably, ↑preferentially; *adjective:* ↑preferable, ↑preferential; *verb:* ↑prefer; *noun:* ↑preference]
[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** préférer, from Latin *praeferre* 'to put in front, prefer']

1. to like someone or something more than something else, so that you would choose it if you could ⇒ **preference** :

- " This type of owl prefers a desert habitat.
- " She prefers her coffee black.
- " the government's preferred option

prefer somebody/something to somebody/something

- " a child that prefers his imaginary world to reality
- " Employees said they would prefer more flexible working hours.

prefer to do something

- " I prefer to wear clothes made of natural fibers.
- " Or, if you prefer, you can email us.

prefer doing something

- " Chantal prefers travelling by train.

prefer that

- " We prefer that our teachers have a degree in early childhood education.

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In everyday English, people often say they **would rather** do something instead of using **prefer**:

- I **prefer to travel by train**. → I'd **rather** travel by train.

2. I would prefer it if spoken

a) used to say that you wish a situation was different:

- " Sales have gone down, and obviously we'd prefer it if that didn't happen.

b) used when telling someone politely not to do something:

- " I'd prefer it if you didn't smoke in front of the children.

3. prefer charges British English law to make an official statement that someone has done something illegal

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