

Unit 8 - News Broadcast

Task 1: Look at the sentences below and choose the word/expression that best fits each sentence.

1. I'd rather *speak/speaking/to speak* to him right now than *discuss/to discuss/discussing* it later on.
2. I prefer rice *from/to/than* pasta.
3. Even though I really like going out, I would just prefer *stay /staying /to stay* in tonight.
4. If I had to choose, I think I'd rather *live in Miami to LA/to live in Miami than LA/live in Miami than LA* .
5. I'd rather *you didn't smoke/you not smoke/you don't smoke* , if that's not a problem.
6. Robert *would prefer to play football rather than do the house chores/would prefer to playing football than to do the house chores/prefers to playing football than to doing the house chores* .
7. She *would prefer /would rather /prefer* to stay in a hotel than stay in a hostel.
8. I prefer *to send emails than calling people/ sending emails to calling people/to send emails rather calling people* .
9. Anna *wouldn't rather do anything tonight/would rather not do anything tonight/wouldn't rather to do anything tonight* .
10. They'd prefer us *not talk /not talking/not to talk* while the professor is here.

Task 2: Choose the correct equivalent(s) to each sentence. In some cases, more than one answer might be possible.

1. I like Coke. I think it's a lot better than Fanta.

a- *I prefer Coke than Fanta*

b- *I prefer Coke to Fanta*

c- *I would rather have Coke to Fanta*

d- *I would rather have Coke than Fanta*

2. I think I'll stay in tonight. I don't feel like going out.

a- *I'd rather stay in tonight than go out*

b- *I prefer staying in than going out*

c- *I would prefer to stay in to go out*

d- I would prefer staying in to going out

3. I'll have the vegetarian option. It looks a lot healthier than the meat option.

a- I prefer the vegetarian option than the meat option

b- I'd rather have the vegetarian option than the meat option

c- I'd rather have the vegetarian option to the meat option

4. I think it's better if you don't arrive home later than 11 o'clock

a- I prefer you arriving home not later than 11 o'clock

b- I'd rather you arrive home not later than 11 o'clock

c- I'd prefer you to arrive home not later than 11 o'clock

Task 3: WOULD YOU RATHER.....? Answer in full sentences using the appropriate structures.

1- WIN A MILLION DOLLARS **OR** FIND TRUE LOVE

2- BE GOOD-LOOKING AND POOR **OR** BE UNATTRACTIVE AND RICH

3- BE 4 FEET TALL **OR** BE 10 FEET TALL

4- GO TO CAMBRIDGE **OR** GO TO HARVARD

5- LIVE IN THE PAST **OR** LIVE IN THE FUTURE

Task 4: Decide whether the following statements are formal or informal. Write "F" or "I" depending on the case.

1- I would just like to say how delighted I am for you. _____

2- I would just like to apologise for my late arrival. _____

3- I recommend having dinner at this restaurant. _____

4- Thanks a lot. It's really appreciated. _____

5- I would rather not do that. _____

6- Can you send me a copy by email attachment, please? _____

7- The first course of action would be to write down a plan. _____
