

Talking about dislikes in English

Use the following expressions to talk about dislikes in English.

She is not very fond of gardening.

I don't like to do the housework.

I don't like cooking very much.

I don't like to get up early in the morning.

If you really dislike something

You can express your strong dislike for something by simply adding the expression 'at all' to 'don't like'.

I don't like western music at all.

I don't like baseball at all.

She doesn't like her neighbors at all.

He can't stand his mother-in-law.

I hate working at weekends. OR I hate working on weekends.

I hate crowded places.

He detests being late.

Note that hate is a strong word. Use it to talk about something you really dislike. Dislike is not very common in an informal style.

Fond is usually followed by the preposition of. It is mainly used to talk about food or people.

She is fond of chocolates.

He is fond of his grandchildren.

Like, love, hate and prefer

These words can be followed by a noun, an -ing form or a to-infinitive.

I like ice creams.

I like to eat an ice cream.

I like eating ice creams.

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After would like, would prefer, would hate and would love, to-infinitives are most often used.

I would like to eat something. (NOT I would like eating something.)

She would like to come with us.

I would hate to miss the show.