

**Intermediate grammar exercise:  
would rather, would prefer, prefer**

**Exercise instructions**

Choose the best answer to fill the gap in each of the following:

1. I prefer coffee \_\_\_\_\_ tea.  
a. to    b. than    c. from
2. I don't fancy the theatre again. I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ to the cinema.  
a. to    b. go    c. going
3. Although I love relaxing on beaches, I think I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ in the mountains.  
a. walk    b. walking
4. I'd rather speak to him in person \_\_\_\_\_ things over the phone.  
a. than discuss    b. to discussing    c. to discuss
5. I prefer trains \_\_\_\_\_ cars.  
a. from    b. than    c. to
6. I'm not a big fan of cars; I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ by train.  
a. travelling    b. travel
7. If I had a choice I think I'd rather \_\_\_\_\_ London.  
a. live in Paris than in    b. live in Paris to    c. to live in Paris than
8. They'd rather have lunch inside, but I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ outside in the garden.  
a. eat    b. eating    c. to eat

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**Key**

1. I prefer coffee **to** tea. (a.)
2. I don't fancy the theatre again. I'd rather **go** to the cinema. (b.)
3. Although I love relaxing on beaches, I think I prefer **walking** in the mountains. (b.)
4. I'd rather speak to him in person **than discuss** things over the phone. (a.)
5. I prefer trains **to** cars. (c.)
6. I'm not a big fan of cars; I prefer **travelling** by train. (a.)
7. If I had a choice I think I'd rather **live in Paris than in** London. (a.)
8. They'd rather have lunch inside, but I'd prefer **to eat** outside in the garden. (c.)

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