



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Describing Likes and Dislikes

Topic: Descriptions in Conversation

Level: Novice-Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

- Practice speaking out loud about things that you like and things that you do not like. For example, when it comes to food, what is your favorite food, what do you like the most and why?
- Practice saying what foods you do not like and why.
- Practice saying what kind of weather you like/dislike.
- Practice saying where you are from and why you like/dislike the weather there. Compare it with the weather of some other place.
- Practice saying what city you like/dislike. Give reasons why you like one and dislike another.

Practice in Conversation Session

- Be prepared to tell others what you like and dislike. Your conversation partner and classmates may ask further questions.
- Be prepared to do a role play where your conversation partner will ask you questions and you will have to answer accordingly. Switch roles – now you ask your conversation partner and your conversation partner will answer your questions. Think about different situations when you might discuss likes and dislikes, such as:
 - Getting to know a new roommate
 - Planning a trip with a friend (deciding on the destination, where to stay, where to eat, activities you will do, etc.)
 - Hiring a caterer to provide food for a party
- Practice asking and answering questions about why you like/dislike certain things.