



# PREFERIR CONJUGATIONS & USES

## TO PREFER

SYNONYMS: **QUERER, ELEGIR, FAVORECER**

Type	Irregular	Infinitive	Gerund	Past Participle
-IR	NO	<b>Preferir</b> <i>To prefer</i>	<b>Prefiriendo</b> <i>Preferring</i>	<b>Preferido</b> <i>Preferred</i>

	Indicative	Subjunctive
Stem Changes	<b>Present:</b> <i>prefer</i> for all subject pronouns except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'. <b>Preterite:</b> <i>prefir</i> for the third person singular and plural.	<b>Present:</b> <i>prefer</i> for all subject pronouns except 'nosotros' and 'vosotros'. <b>Imperfect:</b> <i>preferie</i> for all subject pronouns.

## DEFINITION & EXAMPLES

## PREFERIR

To express preferences

(To prefer)

La verdad, **preferimos** no ir.  
To be honest, we **prefer** not to go.

Sabía que **preferirías** la blusa morada.  
I knew you **would prefer** the purple blouse.

Mis papás **preferían** que nosotros estudiáramos.  
My parents **used to prefer** that we studied.

**Take Note:** Use [determiners](#) and nouns to refer to things or objects people prefer. Or, use an [infinitive verb](#) if you're talking about activities.

# INDICATIVE CONJUGATIONS



## SIMPLE INDICATIVE TENSES

## PREFERIR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Prefiero I prefer	Preferí I preferred	Prefería I preferred / used to prefer	Preferiré I will prefer	Preferiría I would prefer
Tú	Prefieres You prefer	Preferiste You preferred	Preferías You preferred / used to prefer	Preferirás You will prefer	Preferirías You would prefer
Él / Ella Usted	Prefiere He/She prefer	Prefirió He/She preferred	Prefería He/She preferred / used to prefer	Preferirá He/She will prefer	Preferiría He/She would prefer
Nosotros	Preferimos We prefer	Preferimos We preferred	Preferíamos We preferred / used to prefer	Preferiremos We will prefer	Preferiríamos We would prefer
Vosotros	Preferís You prefer	Preferisteis You preferred	Preferíais You preferred / used to prefer	Preferiréis You will prefer	Preferiríais You would prefer
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Prefieren They/You prefer	Prefirieron They/You preferred	Preferían They/You preferred / used to prefer	Preferirán They/You will prefer	Preferirían They/You would prefer

## PERFECT (COMPOUND) INDICATIVE TENSES

## PREFERIR

Pronoun	Present	Past	Future	Conditional
Yo	He preferido I have preferred	Había preferido I had preferred	Habré preferido I will have preferred	Habría preferido I would have preferred
Tú	Has preferido You have preferred	Habías preferido You had preferred	Habrás preferido You will have preferred	Habrías preferido You would have preferred
Él / Ella Usted	Ha preferido He/She has preferred	Había preferido He/She had preferred	Habrá preferido He/She will have preferred	Habría preferido He/She would have preferred
Nosotros	Hemos preferido We have preferred	Habíamos preferido We had preferred	Habremos preferido We will have preferred	Habríamos preferido We would have preferred
Vosotros	Habéis preferido You have preferred	Habíais preferido You had preferred	Habréis preferido You will have preferred	Habríais preferido You would have preferred
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Han preferido They/You have preferred	Habían preferido They/You had preferred	Habrán preferido They/You will have preferred	Habrían preferido They/You would have preferred

# INDICATIVE & SUBJUNCTIVE



## PROGRESSIVE (INDICATIVE) TENSES

## PREFERIR

Pronoun	Present	Preterite	Imperfect	Future	Conditional
Yo	Estoy prefiriendo I am preferring	Estuve prefiriendo I was preferring	Estaba prefiriendo I was preferring	Estaría prefiriendo I will be preferring	Estaré prefiriendo I would be preferring
Tú	Estás prefiriendo You are preferring	Estuviste prefiriendo You were preferring	Estabas prefiriendo You were preferring	Estarías prefiriendo You will be preferring	Estarás prefiriendo You would be preferring
Él / Ella Usted	Está prefiriendo He/She is preferring	Estuvo prefiriendo He/She was preferring	Estaba prefiriendo He/She was preferring	Estaría prefiriendo He/She will be preferring	Estará prefiriendo He/She would be preferring
Nosotros	Estamos prefiriendo We are preferring	Estuvimos prefiriendo We were preferring	Estábamos prefiriendo We were preferring	Estaríamos prefiriendo We will be preferring	Estaríamos prefiriendo We would be preferring
Vosotros	Estáis prefiriendo You are preferring	Estuvisteis prefiriendo You were preferring	Estabais prefiriendo You were preferring	Estaríais prefiriendo You will be preferring	Estaréis prefiriendo You would be preferring
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Están prefiriendo They/You are preferring	Estuvieron prefiriendo They/You were preferring	Estaban prefiriendo They/You were preferring	Estarían prefiriendo They/You will be preferring	Estarán prefiriendo They/You would be preferring

## SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD TENSES

## PREFERIR

Pronoun	Present	Present Perfect	Imperfect (Castilian)	Imperfect (Latin American)	Past Perfect
Yo	Prefiera I prefer	Haya preferido I have preferred	Prefiriese I preferred	Prefiriera I preferred	Hubiera preferido I have preferred
Tú	Prefieras You prefer	Hayas preferido You have preferred	Prefirieses You preferred	Prefirieras You preferred	Hubieras preferido You have preferred
Él / Ella Usted	Prefiera He/She prefer	Haya preferido He/She has preferred	Prefiriese He/She preferred	Prefiriera He/She preferred	Hubiera preferido He/She has preferred
Nosotros	Prefiramos We prefer	Hayamos preferido We have preferred	Prefiriésemos We preferred	Prefiriéramos We preferred	Hubiéramos preferido We have preferred
Vosotros	Prefiráis You prefer	Hayáis preferido You have preferred	Prefirieseis You preferred	N/A	Hubierais preferido You have preferred
Ellos / Ellas Ustedes	Prefieran They/You prefer	Hayan preferido They/You have preferred	Prefiriesen They/You preferred	Prefirieran They/You preferred	Hubieran preferido They/You have preferred

# IMPERATIVE CONJUGATIONS



## IMPERATIVE MOOD TENSES

## PREFERIR

The [Spanish imperative mood](#) is used to order people to do or not do something. Because we cannot command people to prefer something, these *preferir* conjugations are rarely used in Spanish. Therefore, they've been omitted from this guide. However, you can discover [how to form the imperative conjugations](#) of *preferir* if you absolutely need them.

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