

Prefiero quedarme en casa

Preferences and a familiar stem change

5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

The weather and what to wear

Spanish

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Prefer one option

Preferir changes **e → ie** in the same persons as **querer**. **nosotros** and **vosotros** keep the regular stem. Say **Prefiero el té** or **Prefiero descansar**. The next infinitive stays unchanged.

PREFERIR IN THE PRESENT

Person	Form	Meaning
yo	prefiero	I
tú	prefieres	you, familiar singular
él / ella / usted	prefiere	he / she / you politely
nosotros / nosotras	preferimos	we
vosotros / vosotras	preferís	you, familiar plural in Spain
ellos / ellas / ustedes	prefieren	they / you politely plural

Staying in

Quedarse means stay. **Prefiero quedarme en casa** uses an infinitive with the person word attached, like **probarme** in the shop. **Prefieres quedarte, prefiere quedarse, preferimos quedarnos, preferís quedaros, prefieren quedarse** follow the same pattern.

A useful suggestion

Mejor en la cama is a short suggestion: better in bed. **Es mejor descansar** is a complete general recommendation. **No tiene que venir** removes an obligation; it is not a command or a new verb tense.

GRAMMAR

G1) CHOOSE THE FORM FOR THE MESSAGE

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 Yo _____ el té.

- ☐ A prefiere
- ☐ B preferimos
- ☐ C prefiero

Meaning: I prefer tea.

2 Nosotros _____ descansar.

- ☐ A prefiero
- ☐ B prefieren
- ☐ C preferimos

Meaning: We prefer resting.

3 Vosotras _____ quedaros aquí.

- ☐ A preferimos
- ☐ B prefieres
- ☐ C preferís

Meaning: You prefer staying here.

4 Ana _____ la chaqueta verde.

- ☐ A prefieren
- ☐ B prefiero
- ☐ C prefiere

Meaning: Ana prefers the green jacket.

G2) COMPLETE A USEFUL EXCHANGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

prefieres preferís

Tú _____ quedarte en casa.

Meaning: You prefer staying home.

prefieren prefieren

Ellos _____ ir al parque.

Meaning: They prefer going to the park.

quedarme quedarte

Yo prefiero _____ aquí.

Meaning: I prefer staying here.

G3) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER

Put the words in order.

1 mejor Es descansar.

Meaning: It is better to rest.

2 en quedarnos casa. Preferimos

Meaning: We prefer staying home.

3 café? o ¿Prefieres té

Meaning: Do you prefer tea or coffee?

G4) CONNECT THE MESSAGE AND ITS MEANING

Match the pairs.

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|------------------------|--|
| ① preferís quedaros | Ⓐ we prefer resting |
| ② prefiero quedarme | Ⓑ I prefer staying |
| ③ preferimos descansar | Ⓒ you prefer staying (familiar plural) |

G5) CHECK THE CONTRAST IN A NEW CONTEXT

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

preferís prefieren preferimos

Nosotras _____ quedarnos. Vosotras _____ ir.

Meaning: We prefer staying. You prefer going.