

Gramática

Gustar and Similar Verbs (Ch.9c1). Indirect object pronouns are used most frequently with indirect transitive verbs like “gustar”. We have already seen, in summary, some of *gustar*’s uses:

<u>Person</u>	<u>“like” verb</u>	<u>What is liked?</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
me (I) te (you inf.) le (he/she/you form./it) nos (we) les (you all/they)	gusta	chocolate (noun) bailar* (verb)	A word from the <i>Person</i> column is paired with “gusta” when what is liked is <i>singular</i> or a <i>verb</i> . Ex: Me gusta chocolate (I like chocolate) and Le gusta bailar (He likes to dance).
	gustan	deportes**	A word from the <i>Person</i> column is paired with “gustan” when what is liked is <i>plural</i> . Ex: Te gustan deportes (You like sports).

*to dance

**sports

To ask someone about their likes, try **¿Te gusta _____?** If talking with someone whom you don’t know or to whom you want to show an elevated level of respect, you may want to use: **¿Le gusta _____?** To let people know that you don’t like something, use “no” out front, as in, **No me gusta _____.**

What’s above is somewhat misleading however, because as you now know, *me*, for example, does not really mean *I*, rather, it means *to/for me*. So when we say, *Me gusta chocolate*, we aren’t really saying, *I like chocolate*. In actuality, we are saying, *Chocolate appeals to me*. We could just as easily have written this statement: *Chocolate me gusta*. By the same token, when saying, *Nos gustan deportes*, we are really saying, *Sports appeal to us*.

In order to clarify a sentence, sometimes it’s important to add a prepositional phrase.	Le gusta bailar. → A David le gusta bailar. or Le gusta bailar a David .
Sometimes adding a prepositional phrase is simply used to emphasize the indirect object pronoun.	A mí , me gusta viajar, pero a ti , no te gustan los aeropuertos.

	Keep in mind that <i>me</i> is emphasized by (<i>a mí</i>) and <i>te</i> is emphasized by (<i>a ti</i>). The other pronouns are simply made into a prepositional phrase for emphasis or clarification (e.g., <i>usted</i> → <i>a usted</i> ; <i>nosotros</i> → <i>a nosotros</i> ; <i>ellos</i> → <i>a ellos</i>), etc.
Indirect object pronouns must be used with <i>gustar</i> even when a clarifying prepositional phrase is employed.	Correct: Le gusta viajar. Correct: Le gusta viajar a ella. Incorrect: A ella gusta viajar.
To talk about what someone <i>would like</i> to do, use an <u>indirect object</u> , <u><i>gustaría</i></u> and a <u>verb</u> .	<u>Me <i>gustaría</i> trabajar</u> en el hospital, pero a mi amigo Jorge, <u>le <i>gustaría</i> trabajar</u> en la universidad.
There are many verbs in Spanish that function like <i>gustar</i> : <i>interesar</i> : to interest <i>fascinar</i> : to fascinate <i>molestar</i> : to bother <i>encantar</i> : to love	Me interesa estudiar la administración de empresas. Nos fascina la gente Maya. ¿Te molesta leer Shakespeare? Les encanta comer en restaurantes.

Actividades

I Like! (Ch.9c1.1) What persons, places, and things do you like? Use the verb *gustar*. For me the list is short, persons (*personas*): Bruce Lee, Jackie Chan; places (*lugares*): Mexico, the Roller Rave; things (*cosas*): nunchucks, broken bricks.

1. Personas:
2. Lugares:
3. Cosas:

Family Vacay (Ch.9c1.2). Imagine that your family would like to take a trip, but no one can agree on what is the best destination and which are the best activities. Make complete sentences given the information allowed. Follow the model.

Model: o. tío/bucear (*SCUBA dive*): hacer un viaje en crucero (*cruise*)

A mi tío le gusta bucear. Le gustaría hacer un viaje en crucero.

1. padre/escalar montañas: ir a Colorado
2. madre/relajar (*to relax*) en la playa: viajar a Acapulco
3. hermano/esquiar: ir a Telluride

4. hermanita/construir con *Legos*: pasar tiempo en *Legolandia*
5. abuelo/manejar rápido: recibir un entrenamiento en *Bondurant*
6. yo/aprender español: hacer un programa de inmersión en Antigua

¿Qué te gustaría hacer? (Ch.9c1.3) What *metas*, or goals, would you like (or need) to accomplish . . .

1. Hoy -
2. Este año -
2. En diez años -

Me Gustaría (Ch.9c1.4). What would you like to do in this life? For my part, I would like to meet Michael Jordan, have lunch with Bruce Lee, and find love. Is that too much to ask for (looking at you, Mary Jean Jorgensen)? Discuss the things you would like to do in this life before your number is called.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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