

# ¡ME GUSTA!

Talking about likes and dislikes, using the verb GUSTAR

When you talk about what you like or dislike, that usually means things or actions. Things are NOUNS and activities are VERBS.

Think about some of your favorite things or activities; list three of them below and identify them as NOUNS (n) or VERBS (v):

*These are the words for "the"*  
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*Examples*

1. Jugar      verb      To play
2. estudiar      verb      To study
3. deportes      noun      the games/sports

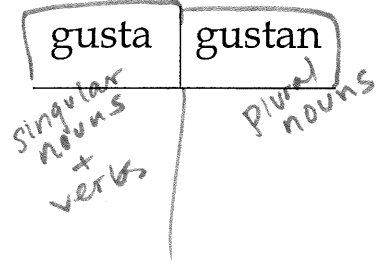
Note!  
e | los  
La | las

Depending on what you like, we have to use GUSTAR in one of two ways.

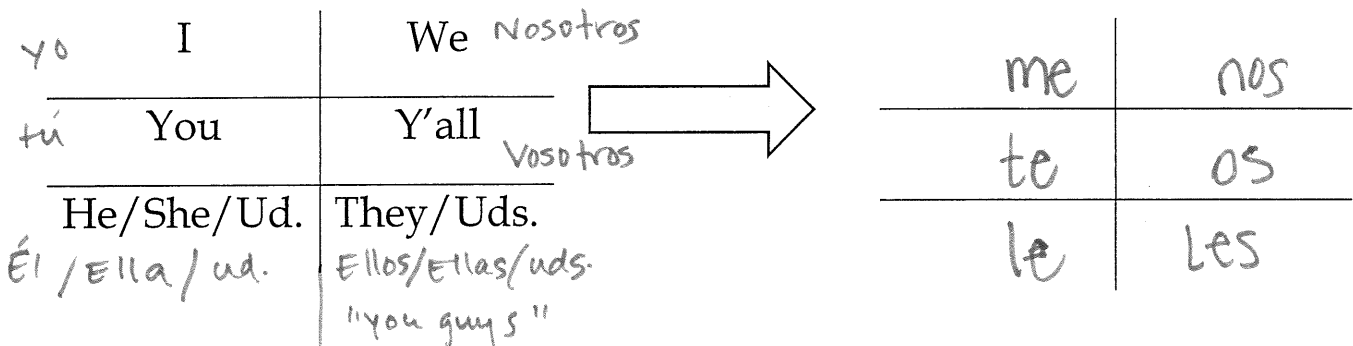
- For singular NOUNS and verbs: we use gusta
- For plural NOUNS: we use gustan
  - We always use the infinitive verb form,

or the form that has the word "to" before it.

Ex: to play jugar      to swim nadar      to talk hablar



To show WHO likes something is a matching game:



The magic formula:

↑ pronouns

→ [person] + [gusta or gustan] + [noun(s) or verb]  
Pronoun

← Nouns or verb  
decide if  
we use  
gusta/gustan

[person] + [gusta or gustan] + [noun(s) or verb]

¡Nos gusta practicar!

- 1. I like to play sports: Me gusta jugar deportes  
*↳ infinitive*
- 2. They like the book: LES gusta el libro.  
*↳ noun (singular)*
- 3. We like the students: Nos gustan los estudiantes.  
*↳ noun (plural)*

SIDE NOTES:

Sometimes we use CLARIFIERS to emphasize our point. They go in front.

I	We	➔	A mí	me	A nosotros	NOS
You	Y'all		A ti	te	A vosotros	OS
He/She/Ud.	They/Uds.		A él	le	A ellos	LES
		A ella		A ellas		
		A ud.		A uds		

We can use the following words to enhance our likes & dislikes:

too: también      neither: tampoco

neither... nor... : ni ... ni      at all: nada

REMINDER: When saying you do NOT like something, simply put a "No" in front. → I like school.      A mí me gusta la escuela.

→ I don't like school      A mí NO me gusta la escuela.

It's kind of like making a number negative in math. "No" is like negative sign