

“GUSTAR”
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-Very important verb that we use to express likes.

- **We use the following construction to express likes:**
- Me gusta (I like)
- Te gusta (you (familiar) like)
- Le gusta (he/she/you (formal) like)
- ¿Te gusta...? (Do you like...?)
- ¿Le gusta...? (Does he/she/you (formal) like...?)

*To express what you like to do, just attach the *infinitive* verb at the end of the phrase.

Me gusta cantar.

I like to sing.

*To say you *don't* like something, just put “no” at the front:

I don't like to run.

No me gusta correr.

WHAT DOES THIS REALLY MEAN?

- We have to be careful because the Spanish grammar does not literally mean “I like...”
- **“GUSTAR” really means “to be pleasing”**
- Therefore:

Me gusta correr.

Running is pleasing to me.

- When someone asks the following:

¿Te gusta...? (Do you like...?)

- We respond either positively or negatively:

- Sí, me gusta...

- No, no me gusta...

- **Example:**

- ¿Te gusta leer?

Do you like to read?

- No, no me gusta leer.

No, I don't like to read.

A PRACTICAR (LET'S PRACTICE)

I like to eat.

_____ gusta comer.

He likes to study.

_____ estudiar.

I don't like to run.

_____ me _____ correr.

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_____ gusta cantar.

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