

**“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 like)
- Le gusta (He/She likes; You formal like)
- Nos gusta (We like)
- Les gusta (You all/ they like)

## - Examples:

Me gusta el helado.

I like ice cream.

Nos gusta cantar.

We like to sing.

\*Notice that if we put a verb after “gusta,” it is in the *infinitive* form

\*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 helado.**

**Ice cream is pleasing to me.**

- And if we what we like is in the plural form like *manzanas* (apples), then we use “gustan”

**Te gustan manzanas.**

**Apples are pleasing to you.** (Normal translation: You like apples.)

A PRACTICAR (LET'S PRACTICE)

We like cats.

\_\_\_\_\_ gustan los gatos.

I don't like to eat.

\_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ comer.

They like to study.

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¡OJO!

- Be careful. If you use “gustar” with other people, it means you like them romantically.
- To say you like somebody as a friend or that you like being around them, we will use a different verb construction that we will learn later.

## ONE LAST NOTE

- You will not be tested on these yet, but we can add one more thing to clarify who likes what.

*For example:*

Le gusta la piscina (the pool).

Who likes the pool? Is it *él*, *ella*, or *usted*?

**We can add “a + subject” to clarify:**

- **A él** le gusta la piscina (**He** likes the pool / The pool is pleasing **to him**)

- **A usted** le gusta la piscina (**You formal** like the pool)



**ME GUSTÓ TITANIC**



**MI PERSONAJE FAVORITO  
ES EL ICEBERG**