

7A MINI GRAMMAR *would rather*

a Complete the sentences with *would rather* and a verb from the list.

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- 1 Would you *rather walk* or go by car tonight?
- 2 I'm not going to the party because I _____ my ex-boyfriend.
- 3 _____ meat or fish for lunch?
- 4 I _____ in a hotel than go camping this summer.
- 5 Most of the students _____ homework, but they have to do it.
- 6 Where _____ you _____ lunch today, at home or at a restaurant?
- 7 _____ you _____ to the cinema tomorrow instead of this evening?
- 8 I _____ tonight as I'm feeling quite tired.

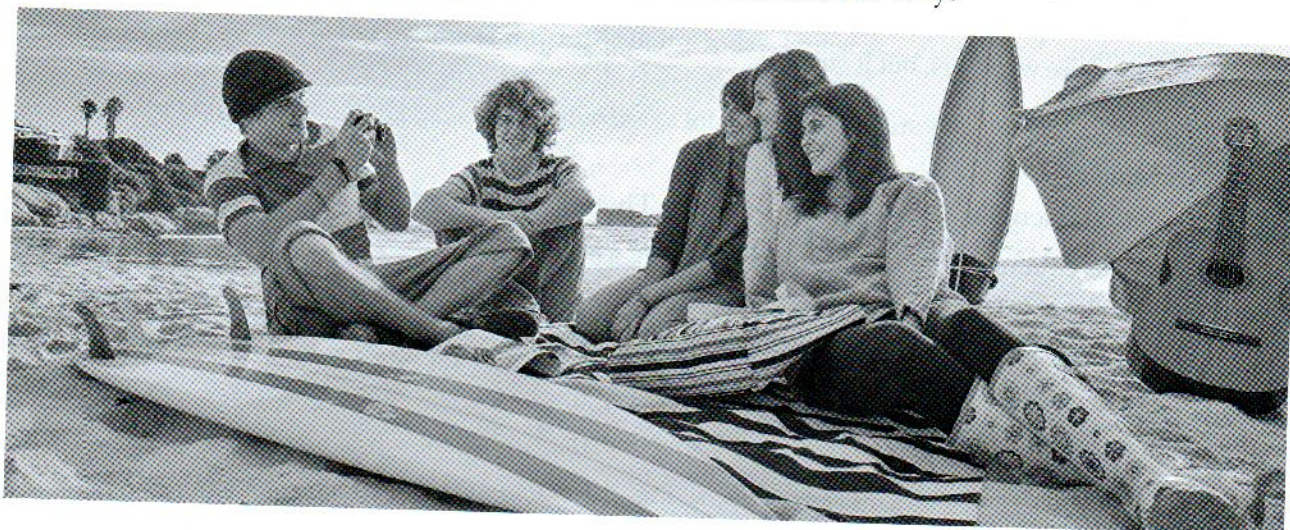
b Rewrite the sentences using *would rather*.

- 1 I'd prefer to stay at home tonight. I'm exhausted.
I'd rather stay at home tonight.
- 2 I'd prefer not to go shopping today. The shops will be really crowded.
_____?
- 3 Would Karen prefer to work for herself or for a company?
_____?
- 4 Would you prefer to get a takeaway or go out for dinner?
_____?
- 5 Hamish would prefer not to work at night, but he doesn't have any choice.
_____?
- 6 I'd prefer not to see my in-laws so often, but they live nearby.
_____?

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c Ask a partner the questions.

- 1 Would you rather go on holiday with friends or with your family? Why?
- 2 Would you rather work at home or in an office? Why?
- 3 Would you rather live in your town or somewhere else? Why?
- 4 Would you rather be an only child or have brothers and sisters? Why?



7A VOCABULARY Verbs often confused

Choose the right word

Circle the correct word.

- 1 Have you been sleeping well recently? You look / **seem** really pale.
- 2 The pharmacist can **warn** / **advise** you which is the best medicine to take.
- 3 When I ask my son what the problem is, he just **denies** / **refuses** to talk about it.
- 4 Don't you think we need to **argue** / **discuss** this before we take a decision?
- 5 Emily's boss **warned** / **advised** her that if she was late for work again, she'd lose her job.
- 6 When the police accused Jim of the crime, he **denied** / **refused** being there that night.
- 7 I love **laying** / **lying** on the beach with a good book in summer.
- 8 What's **preventing** / **avoiding** you from applying for the job? You've got all the right qualifications.
- 9 I was **robbed** / **stolen** when I took the train home last night.
- 10 If we leave at about 6.30, we'll be able to **prevent** / **avoid** the rush hour.
- 11 I don't think Marcus **notices** / **realizes** how important it is for me to have my own income.
- 12 The new boss **looks** / **seems** very friendly but I don't trust her at all.
- 13 The vet picked up the dog carefully and **lay** / **laid** it on the bed.
- 14 Miriam is really good at table tennis. I don't think you will be able to **win** / **beat** her.
- 15 It doesn't **mind** / **matter** if you can't pay me back until next week. I don't need the money right now.
- 16 Did you **notice** / **realize** how many times Ella checked her phone over dinner?
- 17 Does Catherine **mind** / **matter** that you can't go to her wedding?
- 18 Somebody **robbed** / **stole** my wallet when I was taking a photo of Big Ben in London.
- 19 Who do you think is going to **win** / **beat** the Champion's League this year?
- 20 After the floods, the water level of the river has **risen** / **raised** by several centimetres.
- 21 My two sisters don't get on. They're always **arguing** / **discussing**.
- 22 Have you heard? The government is **rising** / **raising** taxes by 2% next month.