

PREFERENCES

ΤΑΥΤΟΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΑ

(Expressing personal preference with 'I'd rather' / 'I'd sooner')

We can refer to the **present or the future**:

would rather/would sooner +bare infinitive

eg **I'd rather /I'd sooner** be a builder **than** an architect
I'd rather watch TV.
I'd rather eat oranges **than** apples.

We can refer to the **past**:

would rather/would sooner +have+pp

eg I **would rather/would sooner have** bought the cheap dress yesterday.

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PREFER

would prefer to (full infinitive) +rather than+ bare infinitive

eg **I'd prefer to** sleep **rather than** go out.

prefer +gerund/noun to + gerund/noun

eg I prefer swimming **to** climbing.
I prefer oranges **to** apples.

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ΕΤΕΡΟΠΡΟΣΩΠΙΑ

(Expressing preferences about other people's actions
with 'I'd rather'/'I'd sooner')

To refer to the **present or the future**:

**Subject +would rather/would sooner +different subject
+ Past**

eg **I'd prefer you to come early tonight =>**

I'd rather/ I'd sooner you came early tonight.

I won't be home till very late. **I'd sooner you did not**
wait for me.

To refer to the **past**:

**Subject +would rather/would sooner +different subject
+ Past Perfect**

eg **I'd prefer you to have stayed at home last night. =>**

I'd rather/I'd sooner you had stayed at home last
night.

He took a risk investing money with them. **I'd rather he**
had not done it.

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HAD BETTER-SHOULD

To refer to **the present or the future**:

had better+ bare infinitive

eg He should go to the doctor. => **He had better go to**
the doctor.

To refer to **the past**:

It would have been better if + Past Perfect
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eg You should have drunk less last night. =>

It would have been better if you **had drunk** less last night.

Like better than

eg I **like** the summer **better than** the winter.