

1.05 OPINIONS IN SPANISH (I)

Having opinions stops you sounding dull. More importantly, it gets you marks, and lots of them.

¿Qué piensas de...? – What do you think of...?

¿Qué piensas?	<i>What do you think?</i>	Pienso que/Creo que/Me parece que...(1)	<i>I think that...</i>
¿Qué piensas de...? ¿Qué te parece?	<i>What do you think of...?</i>	Estoy de acuerdo.	<i>I agree.</i>
¿Cuál es tu opinión de...?	<i>What's your opinion of...?</i>	No estoy de acuerdo.	<i>I disagree.</i>
¿Le encuentras simpático/a?	<i>Do you find him/her nice?</i>	(No) es verdad.	<i>That's (no) true.</i>

Las opiniones – Opinions

Me gusta... (sing.)	<i>I like... (sing.)</i>
Me gustan... (pl.)	<i>I like... (pl.)</i>
Me gusta(n) mucho...	<i>I really like...</i>
Me encanta... (sing.)	<i>I love... (sing.)</i>
Me encantan... (sing.)	<i>I love... (pl.)</i>
Me interesa(n)...	<i>I'm interested in...</i>
Encuentro... fantástico.	<i>I find... fantastic.</i>
No me gusta(n)...	<i>I don't like...</i>
No me gusta(n)... para nada.	<i>I don't like... at all.</i>
... No me interesa(n).	<i>...doesn't/don't interest me.</i>
Encuentro... horrible.	<i>I find... out</i>
Odio...	<i>I hate...</i>

(1) If you're talking about more than one thing, you need "me parecen".

Grammar – "gustar" and "encantar"

Use "me gusta" and "me encanta" when you want to say you like or love a singular thing.

If you want to say you like or love a plural thing, add and "n" to the end:

Me gusta la fruta (*I like fruit*).

Me gustan las uvas (*I like grapes*).

To say you like doing an activity, use an infinitive after correct form of "gustar" or "encantar":

Me gusta bailar (*I like to dance*).

Prefiero... – I prefer...

If you don't link something, always try to say what you prefer:

Grammar – "preferir" is a radical changing verb

"Preferir" (to prefer) is a radical-changing verb. With "preferir", the second "e" changes to "ie":

Prefiero (I prefer)
 Prefieres (You prefer)
 Prefiere (He/she prefers)
 Prefieren (They prefer)

The stem of the "we" and "you inf pl" forms doesn't change "preferimos (we prefer)" and "preferís (you prefer)".

Me gusta el té, pero prefiero el café (*I like tea, but I prefer coffee*).

No me gusta cantar, prefiero bailar (*I don't like singing, I prefer dancing*).