Unit 14 · Our Likes and Dislikes

STUDY NOTES

The unit in one line

- say how much you like something, from **love** to **hate**
- the action after these words takes **-ing**: *I love **dancing**.*

Getting started

- talk about the pictures: *He **likes playing** video games. He **loves playing** cricket. He **likes eating** spaghetti.*
- **the song is a joke:** the singer loves homework so much that the "men in white" (hospital workers) take them away; really, most children **don't** love homework

Reading I: Shopping (three opinions)

- **opinion** = what someone thinks or feels about something

	Deepak (Kathmandu)	Preeti (Duhabi)	Manisha (Mahendranagar)
feeling	**loves** shopping	**not crazy about** it	**hates** it
where	New Road, Durbar Marg; **department stores**	bigger clothing stores in **Biratnagar**	the local market, with her mother
why / what	better **quality**, wide range, cheaper in **sales**	good quality, **reasonable** prices, **special offers**, **bargains**	a list; her mother buys it
how often	**once a month**, with friends; sometimes online	when she needs clothes	usually her mother goes
last time	a birthday present for **Ayush**	sales at a branded shop: **frustrating**, a dress Rs. 2,200	uniform and shoes: a **nightmare**; but a new **bicycle**

- Preeti **prefers** watching TV and reading storybooks **to** shopping
- Manisha enjoys **riding bikes**; her mother kept stopping to chat
- **referring words** point back: *them* = the things on Manisha's list; *she, her* = her mother; *We* = Manisha and her mother; *That* = the new bicycle
- **prefer** A **to** B; **would rather** A **than** B
- big sales before **Dashain and Tihar** and at a season's end
- a **bargain** = worth more than you pay, not just cheap

Key words

opinion: what someone thinks or feels.
sale: a time when a shop sells things at lower prices.
cheap: costing little money.
crazy about: liking something very, very much.
reasonable: fair and sensible; a price not too high.
frustrating: making you upset when things go wrong.
bargain: something good bought at a low price.
quality: how good something is.
nightmare: a very bad dream; a very bad experience.
survey: asking many people the same questions.
vale: a valley.
bonfire: a big fire outside.
trail: a long thin line stretching behind.
pleasant: nice.
blaze: burn brightly.

Pronunciation

- stress: **CHEA**-per, **OF**-fers, **REA**-son-a-ble, **NIGHT**-mare, **PRI**-ces, **SPE**-cial, **BAR**-gains; *weekend*: week-**END** or **WEEK**-end
- **nightmare**: gh silent; **special**: ci says "sh"; **reasonable**: s says "z"

Grammar I: like, love, hate + -ing

Word	How strong
love	the very best
like, enjoy	good, fun
don't mind	okay, neither good nor bad
don't like, dislike	not good
hate	the very worst

- after **like, love, hate, enjoy, dislike, prefer, don't mind**: verb **+ -ing** (*She loves **playing** games.*)
- **enjoy, don't mind, dislike**: only -ing (*I enjoy swimming*); **like, love, hate** also take *to* (*I like to swim*)

- the liking word changes with the person: *I like* / *she **likes**, she **doesn't like***

-ing spelling	Examples
most verbs: add -ing	*playing, reading, eating*
silent **e**: drop it	*dancing, writing, using*
one vowel + one consonant: double it	*running, swimming, sitting*

- *Ravi and Rupsa **like running**; Prabhu **enjoys playing** badminton; I **don't like waking up** early*
- *Manoj **prefers playing** video games **to** doing household chores.*

Speaking: do you like ...?

Yes	No
Yes, I like ...	*No, I don't like ...*
Yes, I really like ...	*No, I dislike ...*
Yes, I love ...	*No, I don't like ... very much.*
	No, I hate ...

- ask: ***Do you like** listening to English news?*
- foods: *I love eating ice cream. I don't mind eating fish. I hate eating cheese.*
- **curd** = **yogurt** = dahi; Bhaktapur's **juju dhau**, "king of curds"
- **skipping** is already an action: *Do you like skipping?* (not *playing skipping*); **play** + a named game: *play football, play carrom*

Listening: Erica's clothes (a survey)

Statement	
Erica is doing a survey	**False**: the interviewer is
she is seventeen	**True**
wearing a skirt and matching top	**False**: **jeans and a plain jumper** (a sweater)
she likes smart clothes	**True**: she loves them
she buys many designer clothes	**False**: not enough money
she doesn't like bright colors	**False**: she loves them

- **designer clothes**: from a famous, costly brand

Writing I: my shopping (a paragraph)

1. where you usually go, and **why**
2. **how often** (*once a month*)
3. **when** you last went, **what** you bought (past simple)
4. what you **liked** and **didn't like** (*I liked looking at the books. I didn't like waiting in line.*)

Reading II: Autumn Fires (a poem)

- **Poet: Robert Louis Stevenson**, Scottish (*Treasure Island*); from *A Child's Garden of Verses*, 1885
- **lines 1–4:** bonfires in the gardens and along the **vale**; a **trail** of smoke across the sky
- **lines 5–8:** the **pleasant** summer and its flowers are over; red fire **blazes**, gray smoke rises like a tower
- **lines 9–12:** sing a song of seasons: **something bright in every season**
- **main idea:** not sad that summer ends; **flowers** in summer, **fires** in fall
- **fall** = American for autumn
- rhymes: *vale / trail, flowers / towers, all / fall*
- seasons: four in English (spring, summer, autumn, winter); six **ritu** in Nepal: Basanta, Grishma, Barsha, Sharad, Hemanta, Shishir

Writing II: a poem of your own

- a short poem about something you like (a kite, the moon)
- pairs of lines that **rhyme**, if you can (*blue / through, trees / breeze*)
- **project:** copy a poem or story you like from a library book; say **why** you like it

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ She enjoy reading.
✓ She **enjoys** reading.

✗ I like play football.
✓ I like **playing** football.

✗ He don't like singing.
✓ He **doesn't** like singing.

✗ I prefer tea than coffee.
✓ I prefer tea **to** coffee.

✗ I enjoy to swim.
✓ I enjoy **swimming**.

✗ danceing, runing, siting
✓ **dancing, running, sitting**

✗ Do you like playing skipping?
✓ Do you like **skipping**?