

Gustar & Similar Verbs

Gustar – to like, to be pleasing

Fascinar – to love

Encantar – to really like

Chocar – to strongly dislike, “can’t stand”

- *These verbs are not set up as most other verbs.*
- *These verbs don’t express feelings toward people/pets/etc. - “I love my mom.”*
- *Use the following patterns to talk about things you like/really like/love/can’t stand:*

*(A mí) * me gusta/gustan ____.*

*(A ti) * te gusta/gustan ____.*

*A él/ella/Ud./Name/Singular Noun * le gusta/gustan ____.*

*(A nosotros) * nos gusta/gustan ____.*

*A ellos/ellas/Uds./Plural Noun * les gusta/gustan ____.*

- *You will only use the singular (-a) or plural (-an) form of each of these verbs. Choose the ending based on what the person likes (singular or plural).*

I really like pizza – A mí me encanta la pizza.

I really like sports – A mí me encantan los deportes.

- *You must use the definite article (el, la, los, las) in front of the noun that you like/really like/love/can’t stand.*
- *To make a statement/question negative, put “no” in front of the indirect object pronoun (*).*

We don’t like homework. - A nosotros no nos gusta la tarea.

- *To make a question just add punctuation (¿ ?). You don’t need to change the order of the words.*

Do you really like to draw? - ¿A ti te encanta dibujar?

- *To ask “What do you like?” use the phrase - ¿Qué te gusta?*
- *To say “at all” use “para nada”.*

They don’t like to study at all. – A ellos no les gusta estudiar para nada.