

➤ If you **love** something:

"I **love** eating ice-cream."

"I **adore** sun-bathing."

"She's **mad about** that new boy band."

"He's **crazy about** that girl."

➤ If you **like** something **a lot**:

"She's **fond** of chocolate."

"We **enjoy** going to the park."

"I **like** swimming **very much**."

"He **really/quite** likes that new golf course." (Stress "really" or "quite" in this sentence.)

➤ If you **like** something:

"He **likes** going to the cinema."

"I **like** cooking."

➤ If you **neither like nor dislike** something:

"I **don't mind** doing the housework."

In reply to a question if you like something or not, you can say:

"I **don't really care either way**."

"It's **all the same to me**."

➤ If you **don't like** something:

"She **doesn't like** cooking very much."

"He's **not very fond** of doing the gardening."

"He's **not a great fan of** football."

"Horse-riding **isn't really his thing**."

"I **dislike** wasting time."

➤ If you **really dislike** something

"I **don't like** sport **at all**."

"He **can't stand** his boss."

"She **can't bear** cooking in a dirty kitchen."

"I **hate** crowded supermarkets."

"He **detests** being late."

"She **loathes** celery."

✂ **Things to remember**

**Dislike** is quite formal.

**Fond of** is normally used to talk about food or people.

The 'oa' in **loathe** rhymes with the 'oa' in **boat**.

✂ **Grammar Note**

To talk about your general likes or dislikes, follow this pattern: **like** something or **like doing** something.

Remember that "I'd like..." is for specific present or future wishes.

"I like swimming" = I like swimming generally.

"I'd like to go swimming this afternoon" = I want to go swimming at a specific time in the future.

✂ **Common mistake**

Be careful where you put **very much** or **a lot**. These words should go **after** the thing that you like. For example, "I like reading very much." NOT "I like very much reading."