

Likes

Like

I like **to cook**. (verb) US

I like **learning** English with you. (verb+ing) UK

Love

I love **to dance**. (verb)

I love **studying** other languages. (verb+ing)

I'm in love with (someone)

I'm in love with Mary/John/him/her.

I'm into

When you talk about a hobby, about things you like doing in your free time, you can say... (use leisure activities)

I'm into **pop music**. (noun)

I'm into **photography**. (noun)

Situations that are happening right now, that can happen regularly, or happened in one specific moment in the past

I like how/the way... (the way: more personal situations; how: used in more professional matters... depends on which it sounds more natural)

I like the way **you are dancing**. (Right now)

I like how **you are working** hard on this project. (Right now)

I like the way **you dance**. (Regularly)

I like how **you work** hard on this project. (Regularly)

I like the way **you danced** last night. (Specific situation)

I like how **you worked** hard on this project. (Specific situation)

I like it when... (conditions - present tense, it doesn't sound natural with progressive forms)

I like it when **my friends come** over for dinner.

I like it when **I finish** my projects on time.

Enjoy

I enjoy **reading** books.

She really enjoys **watching** comedy movies.

Prefer

I prefer **cooking** to **doing** the dishes.

I prefer **watching** tv.

I prefer **to watch** tv.

Dislikes

Dislike / don't like

I **don't** like **to cook**. (verb) *US*

I **don't** like **cooking** dinner with you. (verb+ing) *UK*

Hate

The usage of the verb "hate" has a powerful meaning in English!

I hate **to wake up** early. (verb)

I hate **doing** the dishes. (verb+ing)

I'm not into

I'm not into **junk food**.

I'm not really into **sports**. (*softens the sentence*)

I'm not so into **seafood**. (*softens the sentence*)

People

I don't like people who ... (verb)

I don't like people who **are snobbish**.

I don't like people who **complain** about everything.

Situations

I don't like how/the way...

I don't like the way **you are dancing**. (*Right now*)

I don't like how **you are working** hard on this project. (*Right now*)

I don't like the way **you treat** your sister. (*Regularly*)

I don't like how **you talk** to him. (*Regularly*)

I didn't like the way **you treated** your sister. (*Specific situation*)

I didn't like how **you talked** to him. (*Specific situation*)

I don't like it when...

I don't like it when **a friend is** unhappy.

Expressions

fond of ... (noun) = *like a little bit / kind of like / starting to like a little bit*

I'm fond of **that movie**.

I'm very fond of **that band**.

I'm kind of fond of **that song**.

I'm not fond of **heavy metal**.

I'm not so fond of **her pessimism**.

I'm fond of **her** = *I don't know her very well, but I kind of like her; you can use it for friends, not only romantic situations*

(noun) is growing on me = *I'm gradually starting to like that*

This is growing on me.

Mary is growing on me.

don't mind ... (noun) = *I don't like it but I don't hate it*

I don't mind **cooking** dinner.

I don't mind **waking** up early.

don't care ... (infinitive verb)

I don't care **to cook** dinner.

I don't care **for cooking** dinner.

I don't care **about walking** in the rain = *I don't care if I get wet*

(noun) is right up my alley = *(noun) is perfect for me*

alley is an old word for street

Comedy movies are right up my alley.

(noun) is just right for me = *it's perfect for me*

That restaurant is just right for me.

(not) my cup of tea = *that's (not) something I like*

Wearing jeans is my cup of tea.

Junk food is not really my cup of tea. (soft way to say it)

To each their own = *everyone can like/dislike whatever they feel like, whatever they want*

Soft way to respond something in a casual disagreement = you don't agree with what you've been asked