

III. **EMPHASIS AND CLARITY.** If you want to either emphasize or clarify who likes, loves, or does not like something, add the following to the beginning of the sentence.

A mí	A nosotros (as)
A ti	A vosotros (as)
A él	A ellos
A ella	A ellas
A Usted	A Ustedes

You can use these with gustar, no gustar, or encantar.

Modelo: You and Andrés are talking about your friend Ana. You're trying to find out who likes Coke and who doesn't.

Andrés:	Le gusta la Coca-Cola.	(He/She/You like Coke)
Tú	No, a mí me gusta la Coca-Cola.	(No, <u>I</u> like Coke)
	A ella no le gusta la Coca-Cola.	(She does not like Coke.)
	A ella le gusta el Pepsi.	(She likes Pepsi)

Here you are emphasizing who likes it. I like it. She does not.

Modelo: You and Andrés are talking about your friends Ana and Pepe and what they don't like.

Andrés:	No le gusta jugar al tenis.	He/she/you do(es) not like to play tennis. (Playing tennis is not pleasing to him/her/you)
Tú:	¿A ella no le gusta jugar al tenis?	She doesn't like to play tennis?
Andrés:	No, <u>a él</u> no le gusta.	No, he doesn't like to.

This time you include a ella and a él because you're clarifying who you're talking about. When Andrés says "No le gusta jugar al tenis" he could be saying "She doesn't like to play tennis" or "He doesn't like to play tennis" or "You don't like to play tennis." So you take a guess and say "She (meaning Ana) doesn't like to play tennis?" But he meant Pepe, so he says, "No, he (meaning Pepe) doesn't like it."

IV. OTHER VERBS: Other verbs that function like gustar and encantar include interesar (to interest), aburrir (to bore, be boring), importar (to be important), molestar (to annoy, to bother), and faltar (to be lacking, to be missing, need).

Le interesan los carros	Cars interest him (or her, or you-Usted)
Nos aburre la clase de matemáticas.	Math class bores us (is boring to us)
Te faltan dos dólares.	You need two dollars (Two dollars are lacking to you).

Now you are ready to practice!

Gustar and Verbs like Gustar.

Fill in the blanks with the correct indirect object pronoun (me, te, le, nos, les) AND the correct form of *gustar*, *encantar*, or *interesar*.

1. -- ¿A ti _____ (gustar) ver el programa Glee?
-- No, no me gusta.
2. A mí no _____ (interesar) las matemáticas.
3. A nosotros _____ (encantar) el español.
4. A Juana le _____ (encantar) las telenovelas (soap operas).
5. A Juana _____ (gustar) ver telenovelas.
6. A los estudiantes no _____ (gustar) hacer la tarea.
7. A nosotros no _____ (gustar) los exámenes.
8. A Marta _____ (interesar) mucho los muchachos.
9. ¿A tu hermano _____ (gustar) el béisbol?
10. A mis padres no _____ (gustar) las películas viejas.
11. A mi hermano _____ (encantar) viajar.
12. A los chicos _____ (gustar) correr y jugar baloncesto.
13. Rosita, ¿_____ (gustar) las flores?
14. A mí _____ (encantar) la historia de Europa.
15. A mi hermanito no _____ (interesar) leer.