

INTENSIFIERS

Intensifiers		Structure	Example
Without doubt	Completely Totally Absolutely	Subject + intensifier + verb of like / dislike + noun / verb + complement.	Sophia totally adores her pets. Mario absolutely loves traveling by bus.
	Really Truly	Subject + intensifier + verb of like / dislike + noun / verb + complement.	Diana really detests red sweaters. Karen and Louis truly hate plaid T-shirts.
With strong feelings	Very much	Subject + verb of like / dislike + noun / verb + complement + intensifier.	I love carrots very much .

- Some common verbs of like are *adore, love, enjoy, and like*.
- Some common verbs of dislike are *detest, hate, loathe, can't stand, and dislike*.
- Use *don't mind* if you neither like nor dislike something: I really **don't mind** helping you with your homework; it's OK.

WOULD RATHER / WOULD PREFER

Forms	Would rather	Would prefer
Affirmative with nouns		I would prefer water .
Affirmative with verbs	Mario would rather visit his girlfriend on weekends.	Sandy would prefer to walk to the station.
Negative with verbs	Paco would rather not drink milk in the mornings.	Sandy would prefer not to swim in the sea.
Comparative with nouns		I would prefer bikes to cars .
Comparative with verbs	I would rather ride my bike than walk .	I would prefer to dance rather than do exercise.
Interrogative	What would you rather do ?	What would you prefer to do ?

- You can use both expressions interchangeably to express your preferences.
- Remember that you can use the contraction -'d instead of *would* when you speak.

CONNECTORS OF CAUSE AND CONSEQUENCE

Cause

Because	Fact + <i>because</i> + reason expressed as a sentence (subject + verb + complement).	I love to listen to jazz because my mother taught me to appreciate it.
Thanks to	<i>Thanks to</i> + person / element to thank (noun) + , + reason for thanking.	Thanks to the teacher, all the students passed the exam.
Due to	Fact + <i>due to</i> + reason expressed as a noun (with or without adjectives and articles).	She is very famous due to her photos online.

All the connectors can be used in any tense, just be sure to establish the correct relationship between the clauses that go before and after the connector.

Consequence

So	Fact + , + <i>so</i> + consequence.	She is very famous, so everyone wants a photo with her.
Therefore	Argument in a sentence + . / ; + <i>Therefore</i> + , + consequence.	They are the most popular band nowadays; therefore , everyone wants to go to their concert.
As a result	Argument in a sentence + . / ; + <i>As a result</i> + , + consequence.	He sang for three hours yesterday. As a result , he has a sore throat.