

# Beginning Spanish Week 9

## "Just a Little Grammar"

### EXPRESSING LIKES AND DISLIKES



**GUSTAR** is used to express likes and dislikes in Spanish.

**ENCANTAR** is used to talk about things you really like.

**FASCINAR** is used to talk about things you love.

These verbs are NOT preceded by a subject pronoun. Instead, these verbs preceded by indirect object pronouns (**Me, Te, Le, Nos, and Les**).

**In English we say "I like the book."**

**In Spanish we say "The book pleases me."**

<b>Me</b> gusta hablar	<i>I like to talk</i>
<b>Te</b> encanta comer	<i>You really like to eat</i>
<b>Le</b> fascina bailar	<i>He/She/You(formal) loves to dance</i>
<b>Le</b> gusta bailar	<i>You(formal) like to dance</i>
<b>Nos</b> encanta cantar	<i>We love to sing</i>
<b>Les</b> gusta estudiar	<i>They/You all like to study</i>

The verb endings for **GUSTAR, FASCINAR, ENCANTAR** always agree with the things that is liked or loved, in quantity

<b>If one item is liked</b>	
<b>Me</b> gusta la clase	<i>I like the class</i>
<b>Te</b> encanta la camisa	<i>You love the shirt</i>
<b>If more than one thing is liked:</b>	
<b>Me</b> gustan las clases	<i>I like the classes</i>
<b>Te</b> encantan las camisas	<i>You love the shirts</i>

To say someone does not like or love something, say **no** before the phrase. Ex:

<b>No</b> me gusta cantar	<i>I do not like to sing</i>
<b>No</b> les encanta estudiar	<i>They do not love to study</i>

**Gustar** – to like (“to be pleasing”)

Indirect Object Pronouns:

- me – to me
- te – to you
- le – to him/her/you (formal)
- nos – to us
- les – to them/you all

- Sentence Structure:
- [Indirect Object Pronoun] + gusta/gustan + [thing liked]
- Use gusta when the thing liked is singular or an action, and gustan when it's plural.
- Examples:
- Me gusta el chocolate. → I like chocolate.
- Te gusta bailar. → You like to dance.
- Nos gustan los libros. → We like books.