

## just the job

What would I mean if I said that a glass of cold beer would be just the job at the moment?

If you said ..., you'd mean that a glass of cold beer was exactly what you needed at the moment.

Give me another example of the idiom "just the job", please.

That trip to the countryside last weekend was just the job; I feel so relaxed now.

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## lonely

When people move abroad for work, why might they feel lonely at first?

When people ..., they might ... because ...

Do people always feel lonely when they're alone?

No, people don't always ...

## would rather

## complete

"Would rather" means the same as "would prefer". The difference is that we put the infinitive without "to" after "would rather". We say "I would prefer to do", but "I would rather do".

What can we say instead of "I would prefer to drink tea"?

We can say "I would rather drink tea" instead of "I would prefer to drink tea".

Would you rather have a cold drink than a hot drink at the moment?

Yes, I'd rather have ... ~ No, I wouldn't rather have ...

Which would you rather do this evening: read a book, watch television, or go to a bar?

I'd rather ... than ...

Instead of "I'd prefer somebody to do ...", we can say "I'd rather (that) somebody did ...". For example, we can say either "I'd prefer him to paint the walls white", or "I'd rather (that) he painted the walls white". Notice how we are using a subject + verb structure after "would rather" here, and that the verb is in the past, even though we are not talking about past time.

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Would you rather I spoke faster during the lessons?

Yes, I'd rather you spoke ... ~ No, I wouldn't rather you spoke ...