

PREFERENCES & PLANS

Follow-up

Most people like reading, some are more **keen on** novels, others prefer thrillers or detective stories. Some readers are interested in history, others are **fond of** science fiction or travel books.

I prefer swimming to diving because I am **afraid of** deep waters.

I don't particularly like training in a gym, I prefer walking or hiking. I find it more relaxing.

I don't mind walking on my own, because i feel free to go at a slower / faster pace.

I **used to** run every morning some time ago. **Now** I practice nordic waking instead.

I love dancing and I am quite **good at** it. I have been dancing flamenco **since I retired**.

I have practiced golf **for a long time** and I am planning to go to Scotland, where, they told me, you can find the best golf courses in the world.

I' ll be in London at Easter's to spend some time with my daughter who lives there.

I 've recently watched a documentary film about Brittany and fell in love with the sea and the landscape. I would like to go there next summer.

What's the argument of the **last book** you read? Do you know what book you will read **next**?

Which books do you prefer reading? Novels or thrillers?

ASKING FOR / GIVING DIRECTIONS

Let's repeat!

Excuse me I think I'm lost, could you direct me to *Unità* square?

Excuse me, could you tell me how I can get to the Revoltella Museum?

How far is it on foot?

How long does it take to go to Miramare Castle on foot?

It takes about an hour on foot.

Shall I go by bus or car instead?

Yes, I think you had better go by bus or drive. It's faster

If you ride a bike, it take just a quarter of an hour.

Excuse can you direct me to

Sure, you walk straight on as far as the next crossroad then turn right / left...

cross the street / walk over the bridge / go through the tunnel / take the subway / the tube (UK) a bus

You must drive as far as the next traffic light and take the first street on your left / right...

You'd better take a bus as it is quite far on foot. By bus it only takes 15 minutes. Ask the driver to let you off at the junction leading to the castle. Then follow the signposts.

By bus: you get onto / off the bus

By car you get into / out of the car

You get into the class / out of the class

You drive a car

You ride a bike

You take a train / a bus

DIALOGUE 1

A - Excuse me! Could you tell me how to go to Miramare Castle?

B - It's far from here. I'd suggest you take a taxi.

A - A taxi? Too expensive! I'd rather go by bus.

B - Well then, As you leave the school, turn left and go straight to the bus stop near the square and take the number 8; get off at the train station. Cross the street and take the bus number 6, the stop is just in front of the cafe. Get off at the terminus and go right: to the castle it is just a ten minutes' walk. Have a nice trip!

DIALOGUE 2

A - Excuse me, how long does it take to walk from here to San Giusto Castle?

B - Not too long. First go to Piazza Unità then go through the archway under the Town-hall, walk straight on and you'll see a church above some stairs. Do not take the stairs, go left instead and walk to the car park. Go inside the car park and walk down the stairs leading to the lift to San Giusto Castle. It's free and more comfortable than walking uphill.

COMPARISONS

To ride a bike is **faster** than walking, of course!

To go by taxi is **more comfortable** than taking a bus, a taxi trip is **more expensive**, though.

A bus ticket is **cheaper** than a taxi fare. Well **the cheapest** way of traveling is on foot!

Hiking is **more relaxing** and rewarding. You can enjoy life at a **slower** pace. Try it!

COMPARISONS

xxxx is adjective+er MORE+ adjective THAN yyy

simple	simpler	the simplest
quick	quicker	the quickest
lovely	lovelier	the loveliest
fat	fatter	the fattest
big	bigger	the biggest

comfortable	more comfortable	the most comfortable
tiresome	more tiresome	the most tiresome
awful	more awful	the most awful
friendly	more friendly	the most friendly

good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
little	less	the least
late	later	the last / the latest (the most recent)
near	nearer	the nearest / the next (in a series)
old	older/ elder	the oldest / the eldest

Climbing is **much** more dangerous than hiking in the mountains.

Learning English is **far** easier than learning Chinese.

I have got a brother, John, he is the elder and he always finds fault with me... because I'm the younger!

Patrick is the eldest of my four cousins.

COMPARISONS on an equal basis

Tom earns more than I do even if he has got **as much experience as** I have, and I work **as many hours as** he does. And he looks less stressed than I.

Peter's got **as good qualifications as** anybody here. He should be considered for promotion.

Jane studies as hard as Gillian, but she is very shy and sometimes doesn't get **so good marks** at school **as** her sister's (marks).

On the other hand Gillian is **not so good** at making friends **as** Jane is.

To be qualified / to be experienced / to be ready to (travel) / to be confident in meeting new experiences

better qualifications more experience more ready to travel to work long hours

How to express...

Boredom noia

What a bore (you are)!
I' m fed-up with you !

I am bored, I need to find a new hobby / new interests
I was sick and tired of my old life and decided to change job

Antipathy

I can't stand my neighbour he is really rude and troublesome.

Appreciation

I find this film terrific / awesome

She is a stunning beauty

In my opinion this book is really involving

I do like the updated version of the textbook.