

Verbs like Gustar

Me gusta el cuarto = I like the room

So how do you say she likes the room, or we do, or they do? Easy. Read the list:

I like	Me gusta	We like	Nos gusta
You like (tú)	Te gusta	You like (vosotros)	Os gusta
He likes She likes You like (usted)	Le gusta	They like You like (ustedes)	Les gusta

That is all ok when we are saying I, you, he, she, we or they like something. Es perfecto. No hay problema. You don't like it? No te gusta. Do you like it? ¿Te gusta? Super fácil.

If I want to say my mum likes something, this is how I do it:

A mi madre le gusta comer en restaurantes con nosotros, su familia.

Did you notice the "A" to start the sentence? That happens for everyone with verbs like this. You can just say, me gusta escribir, or you can say, a mi, me gusta escribir. When you have a name, the "A" has to be there. A John le gusta la gramática. Even when it isn't a name, específicamente. It could be my daughter or my parents:

- A mi hija le gusta mucho mirar la televisión.
- A mis padres les gusta hacer el crucigrama en el periódico (the crossword in the newspaper).

Imaginamos una conversación.

- ¿Por qué preparas ensalada para todos?
- Porque me gusta la ensalada.
- ¿Y a nosotros nos gusta la ensalada? A todos no nos gusta la ensalada. No es justo si solo preparas lo que te gusta a ti. Cuando yo preparo la comida no preparo la carne, porque yo sé que a ti no te gusta la carne.
- ¿Te gusta las empanadas?
- Sí.
- Bueno, ¿qué tal si preparo empanadas de queso también? Entonces habrá algo que nos gusta a todos. There will be (habrá) something we all like.

Me gusta empanadas de queso y cebolla. We call them cheese and onion pasties ... I don't know what they are called in other parts of the English speaking world, so maybe los amigos de Los Estados Unidos, de Sudáfrica y de Australia could get in touch and let me know ...

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A ti, quizás te va a gustar ver (maybe you are going to like to see) todas esas formas ...

I like	A mi me gusta	We like	A nosotros nos gusta
You like (tú)	A ti te gusta	You like (vosotros)	A vosotros os gusta
He likes She likes You like	A él le gusta A ella le gusta A usted le gusta	They like They like (only female) You like (ustedes)	A ellos les gusta A ellas les gusta A ustedes les gusta

Would you like to try some translations?

The easy group

1. I like preparing food.
2. I don't like shopping.
3. You like music.
4. She likes make-up (a great word, maquillaje, say "makky-yahey")
5. We don't like tourists!
6. Do you (ustedes) like Mallorca (a city en el sur de España)

El grupo un poco más complicado

1. I am going to like the party (me va a gustar)
2. I am not going to like paying (no me va a ...)
3. Are you going to like the party
4. Is he going to like the food?
5. We are going to like Spain
6. They are going to like the presents (los regalos)

El grupo aún más complicado 😊

1. My daughter doesn't like art (mi hija, el arte)
2. My friend likes English tea (el té inglés)
3. Does your brother like salad? (A tu hermano ...) And do you?
4. I like walking but my daughter doesn't
5. My dad likes shopping but I don't (ir de compras)
6. My friend is going to like the present

You are welcome to send your answers to me, or, you can write to me at the usual address, ruth@spanglishfantastico.com and request an answer sheet. Just remember, there is always more than one way to say something, and even exercises that focus on grammar are just meant to help you to express yourself.

Above all, remember to enjoy learning and practising tu español. We do it because we like it.

Lo hacemos porque nos gusta.

Ruth 😊