**Apuntes: Gustar (Parte 1)**

I can…

* Describe my likes and dislikes in Spanish
* Ask others about their likes and dislikes

**A) The Verb Gustar**

The verb *gustar* means \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

*Gustar* is a special verb. It is not conjugated for all forms (yo, tú, etc.) because it is not the person who does the liking. Instead, the person is “pleased” by something.

Example: “Me gusta la clase de español” can be translated as *“I like Spanish class”* or

literally, *“The class of Spanish pleases me.”*

Because it is the thing or action that pleases the person, *gustar* is used in special phrases that can include a clarifier. The clarifiers are optional, but emphasize who is being pleased.

Complete the chart with the *gustar* clarifiers and phrases:

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| **English Translation** | **Gustar Clarifiers** | **Gustar Phrases** |
| I like |  |  |
| You like |  |  |
| He/she/it, you (formal) like |  |  |
| We like |  |  |
| Y’all like |  |  |
| They, you all like |  |  |

*Practice by filling in the missing word in each sentence.*

1. ¿A ti \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta el español?
2. A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ me gusta dibujar.
3. A nosotros \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta nadar.
4. A Mónica \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta bailar.
5. A ellos no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta la tarea.

To make a negative statement, just add “no” before the *gustar* phrase.

**B) Asking about Likes/Dislikes using Gustar**

1. ¿Qué te gusta hacer?
2. ¿Te gusta \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

C**) Showing Preferences with Gustar**

1. If you have a choice between two things, you need to be able to say which one you like better (or that you prefer).

*Me gusta más \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* =

Here is an example:

-- *¿Qué te gusta más, hablar por teléfono o ver la televisión?*

*-- Me gusta más ver la televisión.*

1. *Me gusta mucho \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. =*
2. If you do not like something very much (a lot), just add \_\_\_\_\_\_ in front of “*me gusta mucho \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*

Translate this example:

I do not like to swim very much → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. To say that you do not like something at all, say *No me gusta nada \_\_\_\_\_\_.*

Translate this example:

I do not like to swim at all → \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**D) Responding to Gustar Questions or Statements**

1. To stress that you do like something, say *(A mí) sí me gusta* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. To agree with someone that you like something too, say *A mí también.*

1. To agree with someone that you do not like something, say *No me gusta \_\_\_\_\_\_ tampoco*.