**Apuntes: Gustar (Parte 2)**

I can…

* Describe my likes and dislikes in Spanish

**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 el chocolate”* can be translated as…

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Review: Fill in the blanks with the missing word in the *gustar* phrases.

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| **English Translation** | **Gustar Clarifiers** | **Gustar Phrases** |
| I like | A mí | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |
| You like | A ti | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |
| He, she, you (formal) like | A él (or a boy’s name)  A ella (or a girl’s name)  A usted | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |
| We like | A nosotros/as | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |
| Y’all like | A vosotros/as | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |
| They, you all like | A ellos/ellas (or names)  A ustedes | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ gusta |

*Practice by translating these sentences from Spanish to English.*

1. A ellos les gusta comer arroz con pollo. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. A nosotros nos gusta la tarta de fresa. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. A ella no le gusta comer los frijoles. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**B)** **Singular and Plural Forms of Gustar**

Because it is the thing(s) or action(s) that please the person or people, there are only two forms of *gustar* (singular and plural). That is also why we use the clarifiers to stress who is being pleased by the thing(s) or action(s).

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| **Singular Form** | **Use With…** | **Plural Form** | **Use With…** |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *literally means*  *“it pleases”* | * singular nouns * an action or actions (the infinitive of verbs) | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  *literally means “they please”* | * plural nouns |

*Practice by filling in the blanks with the correct form of* ***gusta*** *or* ***gustan****. Be prepared to translate and explain why gustar should be singular or plural.*

1. A nosotros nos \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ comer las papas fritas.
2. A él no le \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ los tomates en la ensalada.
3. ¿A ti te \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ el helado de chocolate?
4. A ellos les \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pescar y nadar en el lago.
5. A mí me \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ las uvas.