

# Week 1 – Term 1 – May 2017 – Class Contents – **UPPER Intermediate** Class

## Agenda

1. **LEARN:** “**Prefer**” and “**Preferences**”
2. **STUDY:** Key Preference **Questions**
3. **PRACTICE:** Preference **Patterns**
4. **HOMEWORK**

## Term 1 Schedule

1. Dates: May 16<sup>th</sup> – July 14th
2. Duration: 9 Weeks
3. Focus: “Improve” Speaking

## LAST TERM FACT:

- Standard TOEIC scores **increased**.
  - Speaking TOEIC scores **did not increase**.
  - Result: “**Disappointing**” Results
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## **TERM 1 Plan**

- **3** Key Focus Points:
- Focus on: “Response Timing”
- Focus on: “Quick and logical thinking + Quick English response”
- Focus on: “Intense” Speaking

## POINTS TO IMPROVE in TERM 1

1. **Think** and respond quickly.
2. **Organize** a logical answer in your mind.
3. **Answer (Execute)** in a timely manner. (in 10 seconds.)

Goal Technique:

Think → Organize → Execute

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### Today's Key Word #1: Prefer

- *Dictionary Check Time: "Prefer"*
- Definition: a term referring to a long-distance road relay running race.

### Today's Key Word #2: Preferences

- *Dictionary Check Time: "Preferences"*
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## LEARN: Key Preferences Questions

- TWO COMMON Key Questions:
- "What are your preferences?"
- "Do you have any preferences?"

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## LEARN: Key Pattern

“Which do you prefer, A or B?”

### Examples:

A. Which do you prefer, using a tablet, or using a notebook?

B. Which do you prefer, coffee or tea?

C. Which do you prefer, working at Kawasaki or working at Shirakawa?

**CLASS PRACTICE ACTIVITY:** Now make 3 original examples!

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### Key Point to remember:

1. “Which do you prefer, A or B?”
2. “Which do you prefer, A or B **and why?**” (Found on TOEIC Speaking Test)

**Note:** “**and why**” means give your reason.

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## LEARN: Answer Technique for “Prefer”

### Key Phrase:

“I prefer A **over** B + REASON + Support Example” + Ending.

**Note:** “**over**” means “more than.”

## REVIEW: 3 “Starting” Phrases

- 1. Actually
- 2. To be honest
- 3. Personally

### Key Example 1:

**Actually, I prefer using a laptop over desktop PCs simply because** it’s more convenient for me. **For example,** I can bring my laptop anywhere. **Therefore, I prefer** using a laptop.

### Key Example 2:

**To be honest, I prefer working at Shirakawa over Kawasaki mainly because** the air is much cleaner. **i.e.** I can go jogging in fresh air in the morning. **Therefore, I prefer** working at Shirakawa.

### Key Example 3:

**Personally, I prefer coffee over tea primarily because** coffee helps my body to wake up more than tea at my office in the morning. **Case in point,** I always drink coffee before I start work in the morning. **Therefore, I prefer** coffee.

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## HOMEWORK

**Directions: For the next class, prepare and write your answer to these questions:**

1. Which do you prefer Bluetooth headphones or wired headphones and why?
2. Which do you prefer having a meeting on Monday or having a meeting on Friday and why?
3. Which do you prefer using the internet or using SNS and why?
4. Which do you prefer using a laptop PC or using a desktop PC and why?
5. Which do you prefer living in the city or living in the country and why?

→ Be sure to **TYPE** and **PRINTOUT** your answers for next week.

→ Also.....**Be sure to PRACTICE saying your Homework data answers BEFORE** you come to the next class!

→ **REASON:** Your speaking target is to be able to say each answer in 10 seconds smoothly!

→ Good luck!

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