



Preferring / Being Indifferent

Key Structures

Expressing one's preferences

I prefer sparkling water to stilled water.
I prefer walking to taking the tube.
I'd much rather go out than stay at home.
I'd rather you didn't tell them the truth.
What I like best is just doing nothing.

Expressing one's indifference

I'd don't mind / It doesn't matter.
It's all the same to me.
It's up to you, you decide.
Honestly, I don't care.
I couldn't care less.
It's none of my business.

And now a dialogue between Ruth and Paul

Would You Rather Take the Tube?

Ruth: I'd rather walk than drive.

Paul: They problem is that it's raining.

Ruth: Yes, you're right. Would you prefer to go a bit later? Or would you rather take the tube?

Paul: Actually, I would much rather stay home than go out.

Ruth: That's not on.

Really, I Don't Care

Ruth: I don't mind the way you look, but your shirt is all crumpled.

Paul: I'm not bothered. I really don't care.

Ruth: It's none of my business, you just can't go out like this.

Paul: Sorry darling, but when it comes to ironing I have to admit defeat.

Ruth: We're not interested in the possibilities of defeat. They simple do not exist.

Paul: No need to quote Queen Victoria, I don't give a damn about her.