

## GUSTAR / ENCANTAR / CHOCAR

The verbs **GUSTAR (to like)**, **ENCANTAR (to love, delight)** and **CHOCAR (to hate)** are used differently than most other verbs. Here are the rules:

**Step #1:** Decide who is doing the liking, and pick the appropriate indirect object pronoun.

<b>me</b> gusta(n)	(I)	<b>nos</b> gusta(n)	(we)
<b>te</b> gusta(n)	(you-informal)	<b>os</b> gusta(n)	(you all-informal)
<b>le</b> gusta(n)	(he, she, it, you-formal)	<b>les</b> gusta(n)	(they, you-plural)

**Step#2:** Look at how many things are liked, and choose the correct form of gustar:

-If one thing is liked/loved/hated, used **GUSTA / ENCANTA / CHOCA:**

Me gusta el chocolate.	<i>I like chocolate. (Chocolate is pleasing to me.)</i>
Les encanta el té con limón.	<i>They (you plural) love tea with lemon.</i>
Me encanta cenar allí.	<i>I love to eat dinner there.</i>
Me choca el jugo de manzana.	<i>I hate apple juice.</i>

-If more than one thing is liked/loved/hated, used **GUSTAN / ENCANTAN / CHOCAN:**

Nos gustan los postres.	<i>We like desserts. (Desserts are pleasing to us.)</i>
Te encantan las verduras.	<i>You like vegetables.</i>
A Hugo le chocan las albóndigas.	<i>Hugo hates meatballs.</i>

-For clarification or emphasis, you can add **a + prepositional pronoun (or a person's name):**

<u>A usted</u> le gusta el pollo.	<i>You like the chicken.</i>
¿ <u>A María</u> le encantan las papas fritas?	<i>Does Maria love french fries?</i>

-To say you or someone else dislikes something, put “no” before the indirect object pronoun (me, te, le, nos, os, les):

<u>No</u> te gusta el jugo.	<i>You don't like juice.</i>
<u>No</u> le encanta ni el jugo ni la leche.	<i>He (she, you) does not love either juice or milk.</i>

### Important details

-You cannot use YO or TÚ.

**A Mí** replaces **yo** and **a ti** replaces **tú**.

- Always include the definite article (el, la, los, las) with the noun after the verb.

Me gusta **el** cereal; te encanta **la** fruta.

- To talk about liking an action, gustar is followed by a verb in the infinitive form.

Nos gusta **leer** en la noche; me encanta **correr** en el parque; nos choca **estudiar**.