

Tips of Pragmatics: Likes and Dislikes

- Be careful to use “very much” or “a lot” in expressing likes and dislikes. These words should go after the thing that you like.
- Pay attention to the formality of the words: the word “dislike” is a formal word, while “hate” (不喜欢) is quite informal.
- To talk about your general likes or dislikes, follow this pattern: like something or like doing something.

- 2 Listen to the dialogue again and repeat after the speakers, paying special attention to the expressions or sentences showing the speakers’ likes and dislikes.
- 3 Which of the following musical works do you often listen to? Mark them and determine which one(s) you like best and think about the reasons for your choice. Then take turns asking and answering questions with your partner about each other’s favourite musical works. The expressions in the following box may help.

<i>Sound of Silence</i>	<i>Lemon Tree</i>	<i>Moon River</i>
<i>Casablanca</i>	<i>Yesterday Once More</i>	<i>The Blue Danube</i>
<i>Butterfly Lovers’ Violin Concerto</i>	<i>The Yellow River Piano Concerto</i>	
<i>Moonlight Sonata</i>		

Useful Expressions and Patterns

■ If you love something	I love... I adore...
■ If you like something a lot	I like... very much.
■ If you like something	I quite like... I like...
■ If you neither like nor dislike something	I don’t mind listening to...
■ If you don’t like something	I don’t like... I dislike listening to...
■ If you really dislike something	I don’t like... at all. I can’t stand... I can’t bear... I hate...

What Kind of Music Do You Like?

- 1 Listen to the dialogue and write down what the speakers like and dislike.

New Words

rap	/ræp/	n.	说唱, 快板乐
hip-hop	/'hɪphɒp/	n.	嘻哈乐
loose	/lu:s/	a.	宽松的
jeans	/dʒi:nz/	n.	牛仔裤
dye	/daɪ/	vt.	染; 把……染上颜色
sight	/saɪt/	n.	情景; 奇观
particular	/pə'tɪkjələ/	a.	特殊的 (in particular 特别, 尤其)

Laura:



Max:

- 2 Listen to the dialogue again and do a role play of the conversation with your partner to inquire about which kind(s) of music listed below your partner likes. You can refer to the expressions and patterns listed in the following box.

folk music	classical music	light music	electronic music
carol	rap	R&B	jazz
disco	hip-hop	rock 'n' roll	

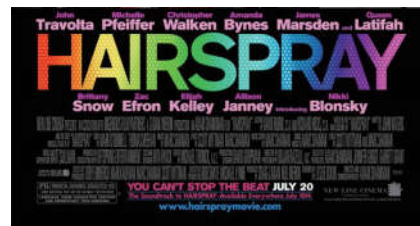
Useful Expressions and Patterns

Inquiries	Likes	Dislikes
Do you like/love/enjoy...	Yes, I like/love/enjoy...	No, I don't like... at all.
Do you have a fondness for...	Yes, I'm quite/very fond of...	No, I don't think much of...
Are you fond of...	Yes, I'm crazy/mad about...	I'm not particularly keen on...
Are you keen on...	I'm keen on...	No, I can't stand/bear...
Are you a ... fan?		

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How do you like...? What do you think of...	I like... very much. I love... I'm crazy/mad about...	Well, I'm not interested in... I'm not too keen on... ... makes my stomach turn.
Which do you prefer, A or B? What would you like, A or B? What's your favourite...? What kind of... do you like?	I prefer... to... I especially like... My favourite... is... I like...	

A Popular Musical



Before You Listen

- Do you know how to read the following proper names and words? Try to read them aloud.

Proper Names

Tracy

Maybelle

Corny Collins Show

You Can't Stop the Beat

Words

hairspray

overweight

host

contest

release

local

demonstration

beat

teenager

permit

arrest

- Have you heard of the musical *Hairspray*? If you know it, tell your partner what you know about the two main characters, Tracy and Maybelle.