

WOULD RATHER, WOULD PREFER GAP FILLING

[Exercise 1]

Choose the correct option for each gap below.

1. I _____ to spend my free time in the garden but the weather is not so good for it.
 - a) rather
 - b) would prefer
 - c) would rather
2. I'd rather you _____ me clean the house than lay on the sofa all day long.
 - a) help
 - b) helped
 - c) to help
3. I'd prefer to discuss the problem with you _____ to avoid the serious talk.
 - a) rather than try
 - b) to try
 - c) that try
4. Clyde usually stays at home in the evenings but tonight he would prefer _____ with his friends.
 - a) go out
 - b) going out
 - c) to go out

5. Gloria prefers going to the restaurant _____ guests at home on her special occasions.
- a) rather than receive
 - b) to receiving
 - c) to receive
6. I'd rather call him now _____ until tomorrow. I am worried about the project.
- a) than wait
 - b) to wait
 - c) than waiting
7. Alexis would rather have broccoli _____ potato salad. He is on a diet.
- a) than
 - b) to
 - c) that
8. I like meeting new people, of course, but these days, I prefer _____ alone somewhere in the wilderness.
- a) to staying
 - b) stay
 - c) staying
9. Anabelle doesn't want to change anything right now. She would rather _____ everything as it is.
- a) to leave
 - b) leave
 - c) leaving
10. I prefer a good workout session in the gym _____ another computer game that soon gets boring.
- a) that
 - b) to
 - c) than
11. I'd rather my brother _____ here with me but he wants to go to the mountains.
- a) stay
 - b) stayed
 - c) to stay

12. We usually get ready for the trip beforehand but now we would prefer _____
_____ our suitcases a couple of hours before the departure.
- a) pack
 - b) packing
 - c) to pack
13. I'd rather tell you the truth _____ guilty that you don't know
anything because of me.
- a) than feel
 - b) to feel
 - c) than feeling
14. I don't know what to say in this situation. I'd rather _____ silent
and watch.
- a) to keep
 - b) keep
 - c) keeping
15. Tracey prefers rock music _____ pop songs and folk.
- a) to
 - b) that
 - c) than

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