

## WOULD RATHER ('D RATHER)

We use **would rather** (would prefer to) to say what somebody wants to do in a particular situation, not in a general one.

Unlike would prefer to, **would rather** is followed by infinitive without To ( Bare infinitive)  
Study this example;

- *Shall we watch TV?*
- *I would prefer to go for a walk or I'd rather go for a walk.*

I'D RATHER REGRET SOMETHING  
THAT I DID, THEN SOMETHING  
I NEVER TRIED.

I'd rather  
be hurt by  
the truth than  
protected  
by a lie.

### OVER TO YOU NOW:

A friend of yours suggest doing something together, but you disagree and you would prefer to do something different. Use **would rather** or **'d rather**.

- a) Shall we go to Ireland? I \_\_\_\_\_ ( Edinburgh)
- b) Shall we take the train? I \_\_\_\_\_ ( bus)
- c) Shall we call Jenny? I \_\_\_\_\_ ( Lucy)
- d) Shall we meet at six? I \_\_\_\_\_ ( at 7)
- e) Shall we buy some popcorn? I \_\_\_\_\_ ( pancakes)

If we prefer someone else to do something, you use **I'd rather + Past Simple**.

- *Shall I do the shopping?*
- *I'd rather you didn't do the shopping. I'd rather you cleaned your room.*

**You are a summer camp leader.** You are in charge of all the activities and organization of the the camp. Your instructors offer to do something but you would prefer to do something different. Use I would rather/ I'd rather + Past Simple:

- a) Shall I set up the tents today? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ (tomorrow)
- b) Shall I buy some Cokes for the kids? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ ( mineral water)
- c) Shall I open the swimming pool? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ ( keep it closed)
- d) Shall I call the ambulance? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ (not, call the ambulance)
- e) Shall I make a bonfire now ? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ (not, make a bonfire)
- f) Shall we sleep in the open are tonight? **No, I'd** \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep in the tents)