GUSTAR AND SIMILAR VERBS

I. <u>Gustar</u>: To say that you like something in Spanish using *gustar*, you have to rearrange the words. You have to say that the thing <u>is pleasing to you</u>. So instead of saying, "I like pizza", you would say "Pizza <u>is pleasing</u> to me." "I like tacos" would be "Tacos <u>are pleasing</u> to me."

Check out the table below to see how you would say someone likes something. Notice that the form of *gustar* is singular if the thing liked is singular and plural if the thing liked is plural. Otherwise, gustar doesn't change - just the object pronouns (me, te, le, nos, and les) change.

If what you like is singular (it is pleasing to …)		If what you like is plural (they are pleasing to …)	
ME GUST**A** (I like)	**NOS** GUST**A** (We like)	**ME** GUST**AN** (I like)	**NOS** GUST**AN** (We like)
TE GUST**A** (You familiar like)	***OS*** *GUST**A*** *(You all familiar like)*	**TE** GUST**AN** (You familiar like)	***OS*** *GUST**AN*** *(You all familiar like)*
LE GUST**A** (He, she, it likes) (You formal like)	**LES** GUST**A** (They like) (You all like)	**LE** GUST**AN** (He, she, it likes) (You formal like)	**LES** GUST**AN** (They like) (You all like)

To say that you do not like something, just put a *no* in front of the object pronoun (me, te, le, nos, or les). **Modelo: <u>No</u> me gusta** la pizza. I **don´t like** pizza. **<u>No</u> me gustan** los tacos. I **don´t like** tacos.

II. <u>Encantar</u>: *Encantar* works the same way, it's just a stronger emotion than *gustar*. *Gustar* means that someone likes something, encantar means that someone *loves* something. A better way to put it is, something is *really* pleasing to someone. For example, instead of saying, "I love pizza", you would say "Pizza is *very* pleasing to me."

Now check out how you would say someone loves something.

If what you <u>love</u> is singular (it is <u>very</u> pleasing to …)		If what you <u>love</u> is plural (they are <u>very</u> pleasing to …)	
ME ENCANT**A** (I love)	**NOS** ENCANT**A** (We love)	**ME** ENCANTA**N** (I love)	**NOS** ENCANTA**N** (We love)
TE ENCANT**A** (You familiar love)	***OS*** *ENCANT**A*** *(You all familiar love)*	**TE** ENCANTA**N** (You familiar love)	***OS*** ENCANTA**N** *(You all familiar love)*
LE ENCANT**A** (He, she, it loves) (You formal love)	**LES** ENCANT**A** (They love) (You all love)	**LE** ENCANTA**N** (He, she, it loves) (You formal love)	**LES** ENCANTA**N** (They love) (You all love)

Here is a scale to demonstrate which words you would use to express the way you feel. We will use the examples of pizza and tacos.

DISLIKE ← LIKE → LOVE

No me gusta la pizza. *No me gustan* los tacos.	*Me gusta* la pizza. *Me gustan* los tacos.	*Me encanta* la pizza. *Me encantan* los tacos.

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