

## Did You Get It? Presentación de gramática

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### ¡AVANZA!

**Goal:** Talk about things you and other people like.

### Gusta vs. Gustan

- When someone likes to do something, **gustar** + infinitive is used. For example, **me gusta correr.** (*I like to run.*) Read the following sentences. They illustrate another way to use the verb **gustar**.

|                             | Singular subject   | Plural subject  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|
| (A mí)                      | Me <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>I like yogurt.</i> )               | Me <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>I like eggs.</i> )               |
| (A ti)                      | Te <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>You like yogurt.</i> )             | Te <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>You like eggs.</i> )             |
| (A usted / él / ella)       | Le <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>You / he / she likes yogurt.</i> ) | Le <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>You / he / she likes eggs.</i> ) |
| (A nosotros/as)             | Nos <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>We like yogurt.</i> )             | Nos <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>We like eggs.</i> )             |
| (A vosotros/as)             | Os <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>You like yogurt.</i> )             | Os <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>You like eggs.</i> )             |
| (A ustedes / ellos / ellas) | Les <b>gusta</b> el yogur.<br>( <i>You / they like yogurt.</i> )     | Les <b>gustan</b> los huevos.<br>( <i>You / they like eggs.</i> )     |

**EXPLANATION:** The verb **gustar** means *to like*. However, its literal meaning is *to please* or *to be pleasing to*. In the above sentences, the subjects are **el yogur** and **los huevos**. (*Yogurt pleases me / Yogurt is pleasing to me and Eggs please me / Eggs are pleasing to me.*) The **me**, **te**, **le**, **nos**, **os**, and **les** describe to whom something is pleasing. In other words, the singular and plural forms of **gustar** match what is liked, not the person who likes it.

- Read the dialogue to see how **gustar** is used in conversation.
  - Alicia, ¿te **gusta** la leche? (*Alice, do you like milk?*)
  - Sí, me **gusta** mucho. (*Yes, I like it a lot.*)
  - ¿Y los jugos? ¿Te **gustan** los jugos? (*And juices? Do you like juices?*)
  - También me **gustan**. El jugo de naranja es muy nutritivo. (*I like them, too. Orange juice is very nutritious.*)
  - ¿A tus amigos les **gusta** la leche? (*Do your friends like milk?*)
  - No, no les **gusta** la leche pero les **gustan** los jugos. (*No, they don't like milk, but they like juices.*)
  - A mí y a mis amigos nos **gustan** la leche y los jugos. ¡A nosotros nos **gusta** todo! (*My friends and I like milk and juices. We like everything!*)