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Likes and Dislikes

Mark and Pili are talking in a bar.

- Mark Me gusta este grupo.
Pili ¿A que mola?
Mark Sí, es genial. Me encanta.
Pili Pues esta noche actúan en la "Sala Sol". ¿Quieres venir?
Mark Por supuesto. ¡Qué maravilla!
Pili Lola va a ir también. Le apasiona el rock.
Mark ¿Lola?
Pili Sí, la chica con quien estabas hablando en mi fiesta.
Mark ¡Ah, sí! La periodista... Es muy simpática.
Pili Pues tú le caes muy bien también.
Mark ¿Ah, sí? Me alegro.
Pili ¿Qué pasa? ¿Te gusta mi amiga?
Mark Sí, ya te lo dije. Me parece muy simpática.
Pili Ya, pero, ¿te gusta? ¿Te parece atractiva?
Mark ¡Ah! ¿Por qué me lo preguntas?
Pili Por curiosidad. En fin, me da lo mismo.
Mark Bueno... me gusta un poco.
Pili Ya me lo imaginaba.
Mark A pesar de que es periodista...
Pili ¿Qué tienes contra los periodistas?
Mark No los soporto. Siempre te están interrogando.
Pili Es verdad. Son un poco pesados.
Mark Pero Lola no es así. Es encantadora...



- Mark I like this band.
- Pili Isn't it cool?
- Mark Yeah, it's great. I love it.
- Pili Well, tonight they're performing at "Sala Sol." Want to come?
- Mark Of course. Great!
- Pili Lola's going too. She's really into rock.
- Mark Lola?
- Pili Yes, the girl you were talking to at my party.
- Mark Oh yeah! The journalist . . . She's really nice.
- Pili Well, she likes you a lot too.
- Mark Oh really? I'm glad to hear that.
- Pili What's the matter? Do you like my friend? [that is, *do you find her attractive?*]
- Mark Yeah, I already told you. I think she's really nice.
- Pili I know, but do you like her? Do you find her attractive?
- Mark Oh! Why do you ask?
- Pili Just curious. Anyway, I don't care either way.
- Mark Well, I like her a little.
- Pili I figured as much.
- Mark Despite the fact that she's a journalist . . .
- Pili What do you have against journalists?
- Mark I can't take them. They're always interrogating you.
- Pili That's true. They're a bit of a pain.
- Mark But Lola's not like that. She's great . . .

Expressing Likes


Me gusta (mucho)...	I (really) like . . .
la comida mexicana	Mexican food
viajar	traveling
que me hagan regalos	being given presents
Me encanta...	I love . . .
la música brasileña	Brazilian music
bailar	dancing
que me mimen	being spoiled

Me gusta Alternatives

Me hace (mucho) gracia...☺ [SP]	I (really) like . . .
esa chaqueta	that jacket
tu perro	your dog
Me divierte (mucho)...	I (really) like/enjoy . . .
	<i>(used for activities)</i>
Me entretiene (mucho)...	I (really) like/enjoy . . .
	<i>(used for activities)</i>
la lectura	reading
oír la radio	listening to the radio
dibujar	drawing

Me encanta Alternatives

Me apasiona...	I love . . .
Me chifla...☺ [SP]	I love . . .
Me fascina...☺ [LA]	I love . . .
Me enloquece...☺	I'm crazy about . . .
Me vuelve loc@...☺	I'm nuts about . . .
el flamenco	flamenco
ese escritor/esa escritora	that writer
ese cuadro	that painting



Grammar Flash • Me gusta, me encanta...

Note that when you express like (or dislike) in Spanish, the subject/object roles are reversed.


Me gusta viajar. (*literally,* I like traveling.
traveling is appealing
to me)

Me encanta la música I love Brazilian music.
brasileña. (*literally,*
Brazilian music
enchants me)

The same goes for **me entretiene, me apasiona, me fascina, me irrita,** and all the other expressions starting with **me.** Note also that if the thing you like or dislike (that is, the thing that's appealing, enchanting, irritating, or unbearable to you) is in the plural form, the verb needs to be plural too.

Me gustan los gatos. I like cats.

Me espantan las arañas. I hate spiders.



Expressing Dislikes

No me gusta (nada)... I don't like . . . (at all)
ese color that color
ir con prisas having to rush
que me mientan being lied to

No me hace (ninguna) I don't like . . . (at all)
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Me desagrada... . . . turns me off
ese pintor/esa pintora that painter
esperar waiting
que me den plantón being stood up

Me espanta...	I hate . . .
Me horroriza...	I hate . . .
ese cuadro	that painting
madrugar	getting up early
No soporto...	I can't bear . . .
No aguanto...	I can't take/stand . . .
a los niños mimados	spoiled children
que me timen	being conned/cheated
Me saca de quicio...☺	. . . drives me up the wall.
Me irrita...	. . . irritates me.
Me revienta...	. . . riles me.
Me pone enferm@...☺ [SP]	. . . makes me sick.
Me enferma...☺ [LA]	. . . makes me sick.
Me toca las narices...☹ [SP]	. . . really gets my goat.
ese tío [SP]/ese tipo [LA]	that guy
que me estafen	being ripped off/swindled
Detesto...	I hate . . . (very strong)
Odio...	I hate . . . (very strong)
a los dictadores	dictators
madrugar	getting up early

Exclamations

¡Cuánto me gusta (este vino)!	I just love (this wine)!
¡Qué maravilla!	Wow! (That's/It's) great/fantastic/amazing!
¡Qué horror!	How awful!/That's terrible! (very common)
¡Qué espanto!	That's awful! (stronger version of ¡Qué horror!)

Other Expressions

Soy muy aficionad@ (al jazz).	I'm really into (jazz).
Soy un/a forof@☺ [SP] (del jazz).	I'm a (jazz) nut.
Mola.☹ [SP]	It rules./It's really cool.
Es guai.☹ [SP]	It's cool. (pronounced "why")
Es la bomba.☹	It's awesome.
Es lo máximo.☹ [LA]	It's the best.