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Presentación de gramática

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