







Error Spotting Capsule 4 in PDF - Would rather... than

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Let's start with an example of a sentence that shows you the use of "would rather... than".

Eg: "I would not rather go there."

What's wrong in this sentence? You'll be able to identify the error by the end of this article.

'Would rather' means like, prefer, etc.

'I would rather go to the library than stand here' means the speaker prefers being in the library to standing at that place.



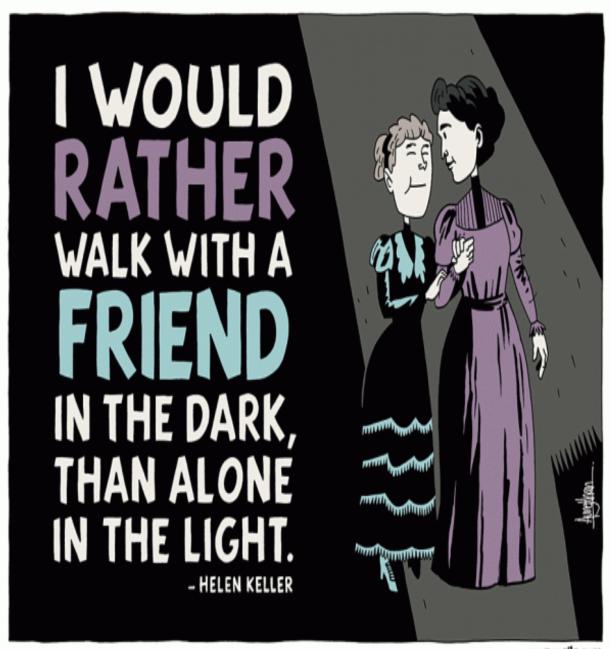












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Rules for 'would rather'

• Coming back to the sentence mentioned in the first part of this article: *I* would not rather go there.

The negative always comes on the clause that follows 'would rather'.

I would rather not go there.

Another example, I <u>would rather she did not</u> come to the office.

• When the subject in both clauses are same, the main verb is in the base form (the way it is listed in a dictionary):

She would rather smile than cry.

Here, both clauses have the same subject 'she'. <u>Mark</u> would rather <u>play</u> golf than football.

• When the subjects are different,

Case 1: Present or future tense – the verb is 'did + base' form

<u>I</u> would rather <u>she did come</u> to the office early.

Case 2: Past tense – the verb is in the past perfect tense

<u>He</u> would rather <u>you had gone</u> for the trip.

Spot the error in the following sentences

- 1. Sammy would rather be gone.
- 2. He says that he would not rather come for the next session.
- 3. I would rather she did come yesterday.
- 4. The judge would rather the victim did not remain silent.
- 5. I would rather go to my room to wait here for him to come.













Here are the answers!!!

<u>Explanation 1:</u> Sammy would rather be gone go. Same subject ==> base form.

<u>Explanation 2:</u> He says he would <u>not</u> rather not come for the next session. The original sentence gives an impression that he would not do something else rather will attend the next session. The corrected sentence implies that he prefer not to attend the next session.

<u>Explanation 3:</u> I would rather she did come had come **yesterday**. Different subject and past tense ==> past perfect form of the verb

Explanation 4: No error.

Explanation 5: I would rather go to my room to than wait here for him to come. 'Would rather' is followed by 'than'.

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