

Me llamo _____ Fecha _____

The Verbs *gustar*, *aburrir* and *interesar*

interesar – to interest

gustar – to be pleasing to (to like)

aburrir – to bore

The verbs *interesar* and *aburrir* work just like they do in English. Note that the endings of “*interesa*” and “*aburre*” do not change in the same way as other verbs. What changes is the indirect object pronoun in front of the verb. Look at the example.

- ¿El béisbol **te** interesa? – Does baseball interest **you**?
- No, el béisbol **me** aburre. – No, baseball bores **me**.

Here are the forms of each.

Interesar		Aburrir	
me interesa(n)	nos interesa(n)	me aburre(n)	nos aburre(n)
te interesa(n)	os interesa(n)	te aburre(n)	os aburre(n)
le interesa(n)	les interesa(n)	le aburre(n)	les aburre(n)

In Spanish, the verb *gustar* works the same way. We generally translate it as “to like” but it is better to think of it as “to be pleasing.” **NEVER, NEVER, NEVER** use “*yo*” or “*tú*” in front of *gustar*. Use one of the indirect object pronouns from below.

- For example: **Me gusta** = It pleases **me** or it is pleasing **to me**

me gusta(n)	nos gusta(n)
te gusta(n)	os gusta(n)
le gusta(n)	les gusta(n)

Important note: If *gustar* is followed by a single noun or a verb the form is **gusta**. If it is followed by a plural noun(s), we use **gustan**.

- For example: **Me gustan** los zapatos. = The shoes please me.

Gustar is often followed by another verb to say what someone likes to do. Do not conjugate the second verb.

- Example: **Me gusta navegar** el Internet. – I like to surf the web.