



## GUSTAR AND SIMILAR VERBS

**III. Emphasis and Clarity:** If you want to either emphasize or clarify who likes, loves, or does not like something, add the following to the beginning of the sentence.

<b>A MÍ</b>	<b>A NOSOTROS</b>
<b>A TI</b>	<b>A VOSOTROS</b>
<b>A ÉL A ELLA A USTED</b>	<b>A ELLOS A ELLAS A USTEDES</b>

You can use these with *gustar*, *no gustar*, or *encantar*.

**Modelo:** You and Andrés are talking about your friend Ana. You are trying to find out who likes Coke and who doesn't.

Andrés:	Le gusta Coca-Cola.	He/She/You like(s) Coke. (Coke is pleasing to him/her/you.)
Tú:	No, <b>a mi</b> me gusta la Coca-Cola. <b>A ella</b> no le gusta la Coca-Cola.	No, <b>I</b> like Coke. <b>She</b> does not like Coke.

Here you are emphasizing who likes it. **I** like it, **she** does not.

**Modelo:** You and Andrés are talking about your friends Ana and Pepe and what they don't like.

Andrés:	No le gusta jugar al tenis.	He/she/you do(es) not like to play tennis. (Playing tennis is not pleasing to him/her/you)
Tú:	¿ <b>A ella</b> no le gusta jugar al tenis?	<b>She</b> doesn't like to play tennis?
Andrés:	No, <b>a él</b> no le gusta.	No, <b>he</b> doesn't like to.

This time you include *a ella* and *a él* because you're clarifying who you're talking about. When Andrés says, "No le gusta jugar al tenis" he could be saying "*She* doesn't like to play tennis," "*He* doesn't like to play tennis," or "*You* don't like to play tennis." So you take a guess and say "*She* (meaning Ana) doesn't like to play tennis?" But he meant *Pepe* doesn't like it, so he says, "No, *he* (meaning Pepe) doesn't like it."

**IV. Other Verbs:** Other verbs which function like *gustar* and *encantar* include *interesar* (to interest), *aburrir* (to bore, be boring), *quedar* (to remain, be left) and *faltar* (be lacking, need).

Le interesan los carros.	Cars interest him (or her or you - usted).
Nos aburre la clase de matemáticas.	Math class bores (is boring to) us.
Me queda un taco.	I have one taco left. (Lit. – One taco remains to me)
Te faltan dos dólares.	You need two dollars. (Lit. – Two dollars are lacking to you)