## Gustar – “like”

## *(use articles in front of nouns)*

SINGULAR OR ACTIVITY PLURAL

I like Me gusta Me gustan

He likes Le gusta Le gustan

She likes

They like Les gusta Les gustan

I like sports. Me gustan los deportes.

I like to read. Me gusta leer.

He likes cats. Le gustan los gatos.

She likes to eat. Le gusta comer.

They like dogs. Les gustan los perros.

They like to work. Les gusta trabajar.

A. Gustar does not literally mean “to like.” It corresponds to the English expression “to please” or “to be pleasing.”

Ex. No me gustan los frijoles. = I don’t like beans. (Beans are not pleasing to me.)

B. Le gusta and les gusta can have several meanings. To clarify who or what le or les refers to, **a** may be used with a noun or with the pronouns él, ella, usted, ellos, ellas, or ustedes.

Bad Ex. Le gusta nadar. = He likes to swim. She likes to swim. You like to swim. (nobody knows exactly who likes to swim)

BETTER…… A Pablo le gusta nadar. = Pablo likes to swim.