INGLÉS B2 · INTERMEDIO ALTO

Rather than: esto en vez de aquello

Lee la regla y los ejemplos, haz los ejercicios de las páginas siguientes y corrígelos con las soluciones del final.

> ***Rather than*** **contrapone dos cosas del mismo tipo: eliges una en vez de otra.**

UN DETALLE ÚTIL
rather than exige que lo contrapuesto tenga la **misma forma**: «I prefer to call rather than to sending» rompe el paralelismo.

CÓMO SE USA

- Las dos partes tienen la misma forma: *anxious rather than prepared, to walk rather than take the bus.*
- Con verbos: *rather than* + base o -ing, según lo que preceda: *the others asked for the reasoning rather than correcting it.*
- Al principio de la frase va con base: *Rather than complain, he asked for help.*
- No lleva *than* extra si ya hay un comparativo: *rather than* no es *more than.*

FORMA	EJEMPLO
rather than + misma forma	*anxious rather than prepared*
instead of + -ing / nombre	*instead of studying alone*
Rather than + base (inicio)	*Rather than wait, she left.*

EJEMPLOS

1. She chose to walk **rather than** take the bus.
   Eligió ir andando en lugar de coger el autobús.
2. **Rather than** complain, he asked for help.
   En vez de quejarse, pidió ayuda.
3. I prefer to call **rather than** send a message.
   Prefiero llamar que enviar un mensaje.

ERROR FRECUENTE

✗ EVITA	✓ MEJOR
~~*I prefer to call rather than to sending a message.*~~	*I prefer to call rather than send a message.*

Las dos opciones deben tener la misma forma: call … send.

EN CONTEXTO

Working alone was making her **anxious rather than prepared**,

De *Pizza and Fractions*, una historia B2 de letruna.com

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NOMBRE _____ FECHA _____

1 Une las dos ideas con rather than

1 I prefer to call. I don't want to send a message.

_____

2 She chose tea. She didn't choose coffee.

_____

3 We should fix the old bike. We shouldn't buy a new one.

_____

4 He felt angry. He didn't feel sad.

_____

5 Don't complain. Ask for help.

_____

6 They decided to stay at home. They didn't go to the party.

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2 Rodea la opción correcta

1 I'd like to rent a flat rather than **(buy / to buying)** one.

2 The problem is the price rather **(than / that)** the size.

3 She was nervous rather **(than / then)** excited.

4 We went by train rather than **(by plane / plane)**.

5 He decided to email rather than **(call / calling)**.

6 Rather than **(wait / to waiting)**, we took a taxi.

3 ¿Está bien? Si no, corrígela

1 I prefer to call rather than to sending a message.

☐ Correcta

_____

2 She chose to walk rather than take the bus.

☐ Correcta

_____

3 He spoke to the manager rather than to write a complaint.

☐ Correcta

_____

4 We should save rather than spending everything.

☐ Correcta

5 It was more boring rather than difficult.

☐ Correcta

4 Completa el mensaje con la forma correcta del verbo

A change of plan

Hi Marta! Rather than 1 _____ (meet) at the café, why don't we have lunch at my place? I'd prefer to cook rather than 2 _____ (spend) money on a restaurant. And rather than 3 _____ (take) the bus, you could come by bike: it's a lovely ride. Call me rather than 4 _____ (send) a message if anything changes.

5 Tu turno

Escribe tres frases sobre decisiones que tomas: elige una cosa en vez de otra con rather than.

Soluciones

Corrige con otro color. Si fallas más de dos en un ejercicio, vuelve a la regla de la primera página o practica online, con corrección al instante, en letruna.com/gramatica/b2/rather-than/.

1 · UNE LAS DOS IDEAS CON RATHER THAN

1 *I prefer to call rather than send a message.*
2 *She chose tea rather than coffee.*
3 *We should fix the old bike rather than buy a new one.*
4 *He felt angry rather than sad.*
5 *Rather than complain, ask for help.*
6 *They decided to stay at home rather than go to the party.*

2 · RODEA LA OPCIÓN CORRECTA

1 *buy*
2 *than*
3 *than*
4 *by plane*
5 *call*
6 *wait*

3 · ¿ESTÁ BIEN? SI NO, CORRÍGELA

1 *I prefer to call rather than send a message.*
2 **Correcta**
3 *He spoke to the manager rather than writing a complaint.*
4 *We should save rather than spend everything.*
5 *It was boring rather than difficult.*

4 · COMPLETA EL MENSAJE CON LA FORMA CORRECTA DEL VERBO

1 *meet (o meeting)*
2 *spend*
3 *take (o taking)*
4 *send*

5 · TU TURNO

Respuesta libre. Por ejemplo: *I usually cycle to work rather than drive.*

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