



### **Spanish In Mexico Notes: 4-1 Expressing Likes and Dislikes**

As we learned more about San Miguel de Allende, we practiced using the verb *gustar* with nouns to express likes and dislikes. *Gustar* works differently from the verb “to like” because it actually means “to please.” To say that you like the summer, you would say:

Me gusta el verano.

Directly translated, this means “The summer pleases me,” but since there is no verb that means “to like” in Spanish, this is the most common phrase for expressing likes and dislikes.

Here are some more examples:

Me gusta el festival. - I like the festival.

Me gusta la noche. - I like the night.

To express a dislike, say ‘no’ before ‘me gusta.’

For example:

No me gusta el perro. - I do not like the dog.

No me gusta la rana. - I do not like the frog.

To ask someone about their likes and dislikes, say:

¿Te gusta la comida? - Do you like the food?

¿Te gusta la estatua? - Do you like the statue?

#### **Additional Information:**

For important information about the verb *gustar*, be sure to read the notes from 3-3.

To say that you like something, use the phrase “me gusta \_\_\_\_\_.” To say that you like more than one thing (or something plural), you must add an ‘n’ to create the phrase “me gustan \_\_\_\_\_.”

Here are some examples:

Me gusta el perro. - I like the dog

Me gustan los perros. - I like the dogs.

Me gusta la noche. - I like the night.

Me gustan las noches frías. - I like cold nights.

Here is an example of a conversation that involves both singular and plural likes and dislikes.

Francisco: ¿Te gustan los perros?

Vanessa: No, no me gustan los perros.

Francisco: Yo tampoco (me neither). Pero me gustan los gatos.

Vanessa: Mi novio tiene un gato. Me gusta el gato de mi novio. (My boyfriend has a cat. I like my boyfriend's cat).

### **Vocabulary:**

el verano – summer

el otoño – autumn

el invierno – winter

la primavera – spring

la mañana – morning

la tarde – afternoon

la noche – night

### **Extended Vocabulary:**

el festival – festival

el autor – author

el frío – cold

esquiar – to ski

la mariposa – butterfly

la hoja – leaf

el país – country

el mundo – world

la calidad - quality