



Spanish In Mexico Notes: 8-3 To Like and To Love

As we stopped at the fruit stand in Colima, we practiced using the verbs *gustar* and *encantar*. To review, *gustar* works differently from the verb “to like” because it actually means “to please.” To say that you like watermelon, use the phrase:

Me gusta la sandía.

Directly translated, this means “The watermelon pleases me,” but since there is no verb that means “to like” in Spanish, this is the most common phrase to express likes and dislikes. The verb *encantar* works the same way as *gustar*. For example:

Me gusta la sandía. – I like watermelon.

Me encanta la sandía. – I love watermelon.

To say that you like or love more than one thing, you must add an ‘n’ to create the phrases “me gustan _____” and “me encantan _____.” For example:

Me gustan las piñas. – I like the pineapples.

Me encantan las piñas. – I love the pineapples.

Additional Information:

For more information about *gustar*, be sure to read the notes from classes three and four.

Names for fruits and vegetables in Spanish vary from country to country, and even from region to region. For example, in Spain and Argentina, ‘anana’ means pineapple, while elsewhere, the word is ‘piña.’

Vocabulary:

la manzana – apple

la naranja – orange

la piña – pineapple

las uvas – grapes

la papaya – papaya

el mango – mango

la sandía – watermelon

la jamaica – hibiscus

el aguacate - avocado

Extended Vocabulary:

el/la turista – tourist
la actividad – activity
la fruta – fruit
sabroso/a – tasty
ya – already