

“At All”

1. Read the sentences below.

He doesn't drive at all.
They don't speak Chinese at all.
She can't eat peanuts at all because she's allergic to them.

The expression "at all" means "not even a little." So...

If he doesn't drive at all, he *never* drives, not even for one minute.
If they don't speak Chinese at all, they speak *no* Chinese—not even one word.
If she can't eat peanuts at all, she can't eat even one peanut.

“At all” is used only in a negative or in a question.

2. Practice using the expression “at all.”

A. Read the list of foods below. These are the “most hated” foods in the United States. Some people don't like them at all.



brussels sprouts	lima beans	peas
raw onions	liver	sour cream
raisins	maple syrup	tuna fish
anchovies	mushrooms	broccoli
blue cheese	mayonnaise	oysters
cilantro	olives	cooked carrots

B. Think of a food that you don't like at all. Complete the sentence below.

I don't like _____ at all.

C. Read your sentence to the class.