

GRAMMAR

# I love living here!

**LEVEL**

Beginner (A2)

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**LANGUAGE**

English

## Learning outcomes

- I can express my preferences using 'to like', 'to love' and 'to hate'.
- I can identify whether to follow a verb with a gerund or an infinitive.



# Warm-up



**I hate searching for new flats, but  
I love to move into new places!**

Do you agree with  
the statement  
above?

What's the most fun  
thing about moving  
house?

What's the most  
difficult thing about  
moving house?





# Verbs followed by an infinitive

- Some verbs are often followed by the **to + verb** form of another verb.
- The verbs **need**, **try** and **start** are often followed by **to + verb**.

Verb	to + infinitive
I need...	to study.
I try...	to stay healthy.



# Verbs followed by an infinitive

The verb can be in the **simple** or **continuous** form.

verb	to + infinitive	object
I am starting...	to change	my mind.
I am hoping...	to see	my friend.
I hope...	to change	the world.



# Match the sentence to the picture

1 He loves to play music on the piano.

\_\_\_\_\_

2 She likes to sing and dance.

\_\_\_\_\_

3 He prefers to read rather than play sport.

\_\_\_\_\_

4 She likes to meet new people.

\_\_\_\_\_

**a**



**b**



**c**



**d**





## Fill in the blanks

1. She likes \_\_\_\_\_ her friends in the park.
2. She hates \_\_\_\_\_ new vegetables.
3. She would like \_\_\_\_\_ to Paris someday.
4. She \_\_\_\_\_ to wait until later.
5. I \_\_\_\_\_ to play the guitar.
6. I want \_\_\_\_\_ a new house.



**to prefer**

**to try**

**to go**

**to buy**

**to prefer**

**to meet**



# Fill in the gaps

1. **Fill in the gaps** with the verbs in the red box.
2. In **breakout rooms** or **as a class**, **ask and answer** the questions with a classmate.

1 Do you like \_\_\_\_\_ new food or drinks?

2 Do you need \_\_\_\_\_ anything this weekend?

3 Is there anything you love \_\_\_\_\_ but your friend or partner hates?

4 Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ any new hobbies this year?

5 I never drive to work. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_.

to eat  
to walk  
to do  
to try  
to start





# Write sentences with the verbs below

I like...

He hates...

We love...

She likes...



# Verbs followed by gerunds

- The **verb + *ing*** form is called a **gerund** when it is used as a noun.
- The verbs ***enjoy***, ***dislike*** and ***stop*** are often followed by gerunds.

**I enjoy...**

**helping** my friends.

**I dislike...**

**eating** cheese.

**Please stop...**

**washing** those dishes.

# Verbs followed by gerunds and infinitives

- Some verbs can be followed by a gerund **or** an infinitive.
- The verbs ***hate, love, like*** and ***prefer*** can take a **gerund** or an **infinitive**.
- The meaning of the sentence doesn't change much.

Infinitive	Gerund
I hate to run.	I hate <b>running</b> .
I like to call my friends.	I like <b>calling</b> my friends.
I love to bake biscuits.	I love <b>baking</b> biscuits.
I prefer to play football.	I prefer <b>playing</b> football.



# Ordering a meal (1/2)

**Choose** the correct word from the boxes below to fill the gaps



I \_\_\_\_\_ like to order some food, please.

Of course. What would you like \_\_\_\_\_?



I \_\_\_\_\_ like vegetables so much. I will have the hamburger.

Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ anything else?



could

would

eating

to eat

want

don't

ordering

to order



## Ordering a meal (2/2)

**Choose** the correct word from the boxes below to fill the gaps



Yes, I need \_\_\_\_\_ glass of water please.

Sure. Please tell me if you \_\_\_\_\_ anything else.



Thank you \_\_\_\_\_ !

to

a

wanting

want

no problem

very much



I usually order  
vegetarian **dishes** at  
restaurants.

A **dish** is a type of food, or food prepared  
in a specific way as part of a meal.

What **dishes** do you like to order at your  
favourite restaurant?

What **dishes** do you enjoy making at  
home?



## Which is not followed by *to* + verb?

I like...

I want...

I enjoy...

I would like...



## Fill in the blanks with verbs that fit

I like \_\_\_\_\_ cookies.

He hates \_\_\_\_\_ football.

She needs \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

We love \_\_\_\_\_ tennis.

I am hoping \_\_\_\_\_ on holiday.

I dislike \_\_\_\_\_ beer.





# Write a question from each statement

1 He likes listening to jazz.



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2 I don't like to try new things.



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3 I hope to be a doctor in the future.



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4 They like drinking tea.



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# Find the mistakes

There are **7 mistakes** with *to/ing* verbs in this text. Can you **find** and **correct** them?

My sister and I are very different. She loves try new things, but I am always nervous. She likes to eat strange things like octopus and I hate to eating them! My sister always wants to be start a new hobby – this year she started to do yoga, but I prefer to doing a hobby that I know I love: riding a bike. My sister says I need try something new and she always hopes taking me somewhere new. Sometimes I enjoy to do things with her but sometimes I prefer being alone.



# What do you have in common with your friends?

Use the verbs below! How are you and your friends similar? How are you different?

like

love

prefer

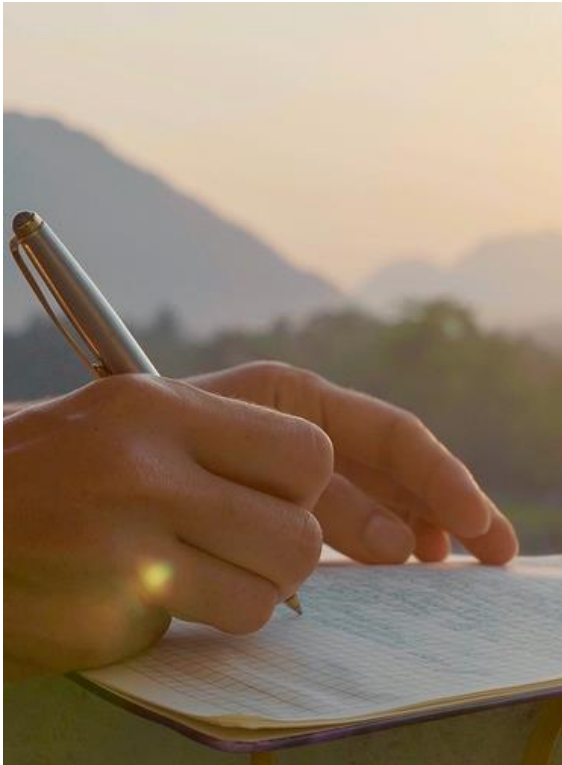
try





# Ask your classmates

Ask your classmate questions using ***hate***, ***would like***, and ***want***. Use the verbs below for ideas! Remember to use the correct form of the verb (***to + verb*** or ***gerund***).



travel

try

live

wear

cycle

stay

eat

drink

go



# End of the lesson

Idiom

*to make a case for something*

**Meaning:** to argue that something is the best thing to do, giving your reasons

**Example:** I think I made a strong case for why I deserve a raise at work.



# Additional practice



# Complete the sentences

**1** I would like...

**2** I hope to...

**3** I like...

**4** I...

**5** She...

**6** I hate to...

**a** helps me in the kitchen.

**b** drinking coffee.

**c** to get a new job.

**d** be an architect one day.

**e** clean my bathroom.

**f** enjoy gardening.





# Complete the sentences about you



I always enjoy  
\_\_\_\_\_ when the  
weather gets cold.



I never like  
\_\_\_\_\_ when  
I'm on holiday.

I hate \_\_\_\_\_  
during the week.



# About you



**Have your interests  
changed as you have  
got older?**

**In what way?  
Why do you think this is?**





# Answer key

**P.6:** 1. c 2. d 3. a 4. b

**P.7:** 1. to meet 2. to try 3. to go 4. prefers 5. prefer 6. to buy

**P.8:** 1. to try 2. to do 3. to eat 4. to start 5. to walk

**P.12 + 13:** would, to eat, don't, to order, a, want, very much

**P.15:** I enjoy

**P.16:**

Example answers:

1. *I like to eat cookies.*
2. *He hates playing football.*
3. *She needs to speak with you.*
4. *We love playing tennis.*
5. *I am hoping to go on holiday.*
6. *I dislike drinking beer.*



# Answer key

## **P.17:**

Example answers:

1. *What music does he like listening to?*
2. *Do you like to try new things?*
3. *What do you hope to be in the future?*
4. *What do they like to drink?*

Additional practice

**P.24:** 1. c 2. d 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. e



# Summary

## Verbs followed by an infinitive:

- Some verbs are often followed by the **to + verb** form of another verb.
- Verbs like **need, try, start** are all often followed by **to + verb**.
- *I need to go home.; We tried to help him.; I am starting to change my mind.*

## Verbs followed by gerunds:

- The **verb + ing** form is called a gerund when it is used as a noun.
- Some verbs, like **enjoy, dislike, and stop**, are often followed by gerunds.
- *We enjoy living in Spain.; I dislike working too hard.*

## Verbs followed by gerunds and infinitives:

- Verbs like **hate, love, like, and prefer** can take a **gerund** or an **infinitive**, and the meaning of the sentence does not change much
- *I like spending time alone.; I like to spend time alone.*



# Vocabulary

to change your mind

to bake

nervous

strange

octopus

