

GRAMMAR

I love living here!

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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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

Change the form of the verbs if necessary.

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

try

to go

to buy

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 _____ that 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 running .
I like to call my friends.	I like calling my friends.
I love to bake biscuits.	I love baking biscuits.
I prefer to play football.	I prefer playing 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.



2 I don't like to try new things.



3 I hope to be a doctor in the future.



4 They like drinking tea.







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

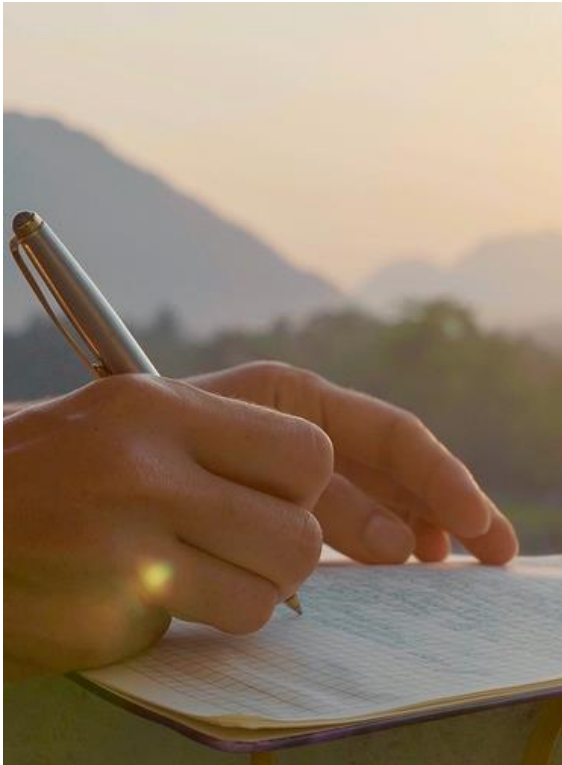
try





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

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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

