

# **Upper Intermediate Unit 5a**

Verb + infinitive or -ing

QUIZ TIME! DO YOU KNOW YOURSELF?  Which side of your brain is dominant?							
	<b>he left or the right si</b> Tick the sentences which are true for you.	de?	Take this test to find out.				
1	I always need to read the instructions carefully when I use something for the first time.		6 I don't mind being late for appointments – or if other people are.				
2	Pictures and images help me remember new words.		7 Too much noise makes me forget information quickly.				
3	I usually choose to work alone rather than in teams.		8 I enjoy listening to music when I work.				
4	I ask other people to help me when I start working on something new.		Understanding your answers:  If you ticked mainly odd numbers (1, 3, 5, 7), you				
5	I need lots of time to think rather than rushing into a decision.		are left-brain dominant. The even numbers (2, 4, 6, 8) indicate you are right-brain dominant.				

### **Presentation**

When we use two verbs together in a sentence, the form of the second verb depends on the first verb.

#### Verb + to + infinitive

Use to + infinitive after the following verbs: (can/can't) afford, agree, allow, arrange, ask, begin, choose, continue, decide, expect, fail, help\*, hope, intend, learn, manage, need, offer, plan, pretend, promise, refuse, seem, start, threaten, want, would like, would love, would prefer

I always **need to read** the instructions carefully.

I usually **choose to work** alone rather than in teams.

#### Verb + object + to + infinitive

We can use an object + *to* + infinitive after *ask*, *get*, *help*, *need* and *tell*.

I ask other people to help me.
I need lots of time to think.

#### Verb + object + infinitive

We use an object + infinitive (without to) after *help\**, *let* and *make*.

Pictures and images help me remember new words.

My teacher makes me learn new words.

\*We can use an infinitive with or without *to* after help.

Pictures and images **help me to remember** new words. = Pictures and images **help me remember** new words.

#### Verb + -ing

We use the -ing form after the following verbs: adore, avoid, begin, can't help, can't stand, consider, continue, describe, enjoy, fancy, finish, imagine, involve, keep, mention, (don't) mind, miss, practise, recommend, risk, spend (time/money), start, suggest

I enjoy listening to music when I work.
I don't mind being late for appointments.

## **Exercises**

1	Co	Complete the sentences with the pairs of verbs. Change the form of the verbs where necessary.						
	С	an't help + think enjoy + play make + wor	k mind + s	stay				
		plan + stay need + move prevent + bre						
	1	My family always	board games.					
	2	When did you	e e					
	3	A pay rise will	ay rise will me					
	4	I didn't great time.						
	5	This lock willb	s lock willburglars					
	6	My parents don'tyou _		at our house.				
	7	I	that he lied to us.					
	8	8 Your car is in my way. I jou it.						
2	Co	Complete the conversation with the <i>-ing</i> or infinitive form of the verb in brackets.						
	A:	A: Did you enjoy <sup>1</sup> taking (take) the quiz?						
	B: Yes, it was interesting. I seem <sup>2</sup> (prefer) working in groups.							
	A:	So you're right-brain dominant?						
	B:	Yes, I am. I don't appear <sup>3</sup>	e) as good with details. What about you?					
		A: I was a mixture. On the whole when I see a picture it makes me <sup>4</sup> (remember the word. But I also risk <sup>5</sup> (make) mistakes from time to time.						
	<b>B:</b> Have you asked anyone else in the class <sup>6</sup> (try) the quiz?							
	A:	Not yet. I fancy <sup>7</sup>	(ask) Pietro.					
	B:	Good idea. I'd expect the test 8		(show) that he's left-brain dominant.				
	A:	Me too. But you never know						
3	Ch	Choose the correct options in italics. In some sentences both options are possible.						
	1	I love reading / to read poetry.	6	I would like <i>seeing / to see</i> the manager!				
	2	Getting a driving licence involves taking / to	7	Tell the children <i>tidying / to tidy</i> their rooms.				
		take a test.		Even after the police have caught them, some				
	3	Pretend <i>liking / to like</i> her cooking or she'll be		people continue <i>breaking / to break</i> the law.				
	4	upset.	9	Why do you always make people wait / to wait				
	4	When did you begin <i>collecting / to collect</i> stamps?	10	for you?				
	5	He hates <i>asking / to ask</i> for help.	10	Some people prefer <i>studying / to study</i> online instead of learning in a classroom.				
4	Co	omplete these sentences so that they are	true for you	ս. Use an <i>-ing</i> form or an infinitive.				

Recently, I've started
 In my spare time, I love
 I can't bear people
 When choosing a film, I always prefer