

26 Verbs followed by infinitive or *-ing* forms 1

Activity A

When a verb can be followed by another verb, it is important to learn whether the second verb needs to be in infinitive or *-ing* form. Decide whether each of the **bold** verbs in sentences 1–9 should be followed by a verb in the infinitive or in the *-ing* form. Then complete the sentences with the verbs below in the correct form.

become chat do get have help lose meet meet up phone
play serve sing spend study study turn up work

- 1 I **miss** _____ with my old friend Yvonne, so I've **arranged** _____ with her on Friday.
- 2 When I **agreed** _____ in my uncle's shop, I didn't **imagine** _____ 70 hours a week in there!
- 3 I'll **try** _____ you paint your room, but I can't **promise** _____ so next weekend.
- 4 When I **finish** _____, I **hope** _____ a job in a university.
- 5 I **mentioned** _____ a small party in the office, but I didn't **expect** 50 people _____!
- 6 My sister **enjoys** _____, but she'd **risk** _____ a steady income if she gave up her main job to do it.
- 7 I try to **avoid** _____ my crazy cousin, so I always **delay** _____ him.
- 8 When I'm **preparing** _____ in a tennis tournament, I **practise** _____ for three hours a day.
- 9 I never **meant** _____ a lawyer, so why did I **choose** _____ Law?!

Activity B

Finish these sentences (including a verb in the infinitive or *-ing* form) in a way that is true for you, then tell your partner what you have written. When you hear your partner's sentences, ask questions to get them to talk in more detail about each one.

On Sunday afternoons, I enjoy _____
 I always try to avoid _____
 Someday, I hope _____
 I would never agree _____
 I often practise _____
 I'm going to try _____ more in the future.
 I wouldn't risk _____
 I imagine _____ when I'm old.