

## Verb Patterns

When two verbs appear together in a sentence, the second verb has to follow a pattern. There are several patterns. These are the most common:

<b>-ing</b>	He <i>enjoys</i> <u>running</u> .	EXAMPLES <i>don't mind, stop</i>
<b>to ...</b>	I <i>decided</i> <u>to visit</u> my cousin.	EXAMPLES <i>need, hope</i>
<b>object + to</b>	She <i>told me</i> <u>to sit</u> down.	EXAMPLES <i>ask, send</i>
<b>object + bare infinitive</b>	My mum <i>let me</i> <u>cook</u> .	

There are a few verbs which have either *-ing* or *to*, and it doesn't change the meaning – for example, *start, continue, and like*.

Be careful: there are some verbs (like *try* and *stop*) that can have *-ing* or *to*, **but the meaning is different**.

**Write the correct form of the verb in the sentence.**

1. She finished ..... STUDY at 9pm.
2. My mum needs ..... BUY a new car.
3. I love ..... SWIM in the sea.
4. Don't forget .....BUY the tickets for the concert!
5. I hope ..... BE a vet one day.
6. They are planning ..... GO to the beach for Easter.
7. That girl keeps .....TALK!
8. I recommend ..... GO to that restaurant – it's really good.
9. My teacher doesn't let me .....SPEAK in class.
10. I would like .....VISIT London one day.
11. Jorge started ..... LEARN English when he was six years old.
12. My sister promised ..... HELP me with my homework.
13. My dad sent me ..... CALL my sister for dinner.
14. Henry asked Julia ..... CLOSE the window.
15. I don't mind .....SWIM but I prefer running.