

2 Read the information.

-ing form

We can use the -ing form like a noun:

- as the subject of a sentence:
Learning English is easy.
- after go, to talk about a particular activity or sport:
I went swimming.
How often do you go skiing?

- after adjectives with prepositions. (For a list of adjectives followed by prepositions, see Unit 17.)

My sister's very good at painting.

I'm tired of watching TV all the time!

- after the verbs like, enjoy, love, hate, prefer, not mind, can't stand.

She loves dancing.

I can't stand listening to that music!

3 Write sentences with the -ing form.

- drive / fast / dangerous *Driving fast is dangerous*
- go out / with friends / fun
- travel / by plane / expensive
- collect / stamps / interesting
- eat / sweets / bad for your teeth
- play golf / boring
- walk / good exercise
- smoke / bad for you

4 Write sentences with the -ing form.

- Harry / not like / skate
..... *Harry doesn't like skating*
- Lucy / be / fond of / paint
- Peter / can't stand / listen / to Lucy's music
- my father / often / go / fish
- I / really enjoy / cook
- he / be / very keen on / collect / model cars
- Chrissie / never / go / shop / at weekends
- Kelly / be / afraid of / walk / in the dark

5 Read the information.

We use **to + infinitive** after the verbs *want, agree, decide, offer, promise, would like, would love*.

I want to go home. He offered to help us.

- after these adjectives: *happy, sorry, glad*.
I'm really happy to see you.
I'm sorry to hear about that.
- to express purpose.

She went to the supermarket to get some milk. (She went to the supermarket because she wanted to get some milk.)

- We use an infinitive without **to** after the verbs *let, make* and *would rather*.
My dad didn't let me go to the party.
I'd rather watch a comedy.

6 Circle the correct answer.

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| 1 No, I don't want go / to go! | B: Fine! We'll go without you! |
| 2 Will your sister let us use / to use her computer? | B: Yes. I've already asked her. |
| 3 Ben agreed help / to help us. | B: That's great! |
| 4 They promised be / to be back at six. | B: Well, they're late again! |
| 5 Simon offered drive / to drive us to the station. | B: OK. I'll be ready in five minutes. |
| 6 I'd rather stay / to stay at home tonight. | B: Me too. |
| 7 They've decided sell / to sell the house. | B: I know. They're moving to London. |
| 8 I'm so sorry I made you cry / to cry! | B: Don't ever do that again! |

7 Join the sentences. Use an infinitive with **to**.

- He came here. He wanted to see you.
He came here to see you
- Amy went to the café. She wanted to meet Katie.
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- They're going to Brighton. They want to visit a friend.
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- Dad turned on the radio. He wanted to listen to the news.
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- Kelly went out. She wanted to buy a present for Tricia.
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- I phoned George. I wanted to tell him about the party.
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- He stayed at home. He wanted to finish his project.
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- I need a key. I want to open that door.
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