

## 2 Grammar Simple and continuous verbs (review) 1.03

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**Simple verbs** are for completed actions or permanent situations.

**Continuous verbs** are for ongoing actions or temporary situations.

**Present** What kind of music **do you listen to**?  
I **love** Latin music. I **listen** to it a lot.

What kind of music **are you listening to** currently?  
I'm **listening** to a lot of Latin jazz right now.

**Present Perfect** Have you ever **lived** in another country?  
No, I've never **lived** anywhere else.

How long **have you been living** here?  
I've **been living** here for five years.

**Past** What **did you do** for your last birthday?  
I **went** home and **had** a big party.

What **were you doing** at this time yesterday?  
I **was sitting** on a bus.

### Common errors

Use the simple past for completed events, not the past continuous.

*My birthday was great. My friends came to visit.*

(NOT *My friends were coming* to visit.)

**A** Complete the conversations. Use the simple or continuous form of the verb in the present, present perfect, or past. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. Then practice.

1. A What have you been doing (do) for fun lately?

B Well, I                      (take) kickboxing classes for the past few months. It's a lot of fun, and I                      (get) in pretty good shape.

2. A Who's the most interesting person you know?

B Well, I                      (think) my best friend is interesting. She                      (live) in Europe for three years when she                      (grow up).

3. A                      you ever                      (meet) anyone famous?

B No, but last year, I                      (see) a TV star on the street. We                      both                      (wait) in line for ice cream.

4. A When                      you last                      (exercise)?


B Actually, I                      (not exercise) in months. I                      (be) really busy at work, so I haven't had time.

5. A What                      you                      (do) for a living?

B Actually, I                      (not work) right now. I                      (look) for a job for six months, but I                      (not find) anything yet.



# 1 Building vocabulary and grammar

**A**  1.05 Listen to Dan's story. Answer the questions.

1. Where did Dan live before he moved to Seoul?
2. Why did he want to go to South Korea?
3. How did he get his job there?
4. What did his new company offer him?

## LIVING ABROAD: Dan's story

Dan Anderson was born in the U.S.A. He's now **living** in South Korea. We asked him, "How did you **end up** living in Seoul?"

**Dan:** Well, it's a long story! Before I came here, I **spent** three years working for a small company in Tokyo while I **finished** doing my master's in business. To be honest, I wasn't **planning on** leaving or anything. But one day, I **happened** to be in the office, and one of the salespeople was looking at job ads online.

He knew I was **considering** going to South Korea someday – you see, my mother's South Korean, and I've always been interested in the culture and everything – and anyway, he leaned over and said, "Dan, this **seems** to be the perfect job for you. Check this out."

I looked at the ad, and I **remember** thinking, "Should I **bother** to apply?" But I **decided** to go for it, even though I didn't **expect** to get it, and to make a long story short, I got the job!


The company **offered** to transfer me to Seoul, and they **agreed** to pay for my Korean language lessons. I **started** working here two months later. And the rest is history.

I mean, I **miss** living in Japan, but you can't have it both ways, I guess. Actually, I can't **imagine** living anywhere else now!



**Word sort** **B** Can you sort the verbs in bold above into the correct categories in the chart? Which verbs are followed by *to* + verb, verb + *-ing*, or a particle or preposition + verb + *-ing*?

Verb + <i>to</i> + verb	Verb + verb + <i>-ing</i>	Verb + particle / preposition + verb + <i>-ing</i>
<i>happen (to be)</i>	<i>spend (three years working)</i>	<i>end up (living)</i>

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**Figure it out** **C** Complete the sentences with the correct forms of the verbs given. Use Dan's story to help you.

1. I **considered** (consider) electronics, but I **ended up** (end) math.





Verb + verb + -ing: consider finish imagine  
miss mind spend (time)

I finished doing my master's in business.  
I spent three years working in Tokyo.

Verb + particle / preposition + verb + -ing: end up  
keep on think about plan on

How did you end up living here?  
I wasn't planning on leaving Japan.

Verb + to + verb: agree decide happen offer  
seem intend expect

They agreed to pay for Korean lessons.  
I didn't expect to get the job.

Verb + -ing or to + verb with the same meaning:  
begin bother continue start like love hate

Should I bother applying?  
Should I bother to apply?

Verb + -ing or to + verb with a different meaning:  
remember stop try

I stopped talking to him. (We don't talk now.)  
I stopped to talk to him. (I stopped walking.)

**A** Complete the conversations with the correct forms of the verbs given. Then practice with a partner.

1. A How did you end up studying (study) here?

B My friend recommended this school. I remember \_\_\_\_\_ (think) his English was good, so I decided \_\_\_\_\_ (sign up) for this class. How about you?

A Well, I wasn't planning on \_\_\_\_\_ (learn) English, but my company offered \_\_\_\_\_ (pay) for my classes. I agreed \_\_\_\_\_ (come), and here I am! I want to keep on \_\_\_\_\_ (take) classes if I can.

2. A What are you thinking about \_\_\_\_\_ (do) next summer?

B Well, it depends. I just started \_\_\_\_\_ (work) in a new job, so I don't expect \_\_\_\_\_ (get) much vacation time. I intend \_\_\_\_\_ (take) a couple of long weekends off, though. You have to stop \_\_\_\_\_ (work) occasionally! Anyway, I love \_\_\_\_\_ (surf), so I hope I can spend a weekend \_\_\_\_\_ (visit) my cousins at the beach, too.

### In conversation

Begin, bother, continue, like, love, and hate are followed more often by to + verb. Start is followed more often by verb + -ing.

### Common errors

Don't use to + verb after these verbs.

I finished reading the ad. (NOT ... to read)  
I considered applying. (NOT ... to apply)  
I don't mind working hard. (NOT ... to work)



**B Pair work** Take turns asking the questions. Give your own answers.



**Talk about it** Why did you stop doing that?

**Pair work** Take turns asking each other questions using the ideas below. Ask follow-up questions.

Can you think of someone you ... ?

- ▶ don't miss seeing
- ▶ expect to see next week
- ▶ happened to run into recently
- ▶ intended to see but didn't
- ▶ keep on calling
- ▶ love to hang out with

"I don't miss seeing my old math teacher."

Can you think of something that you ... ?

- ▶ agreed to do recently
- ▶ are considering doing soon
- ▶ can't imagine doing in the future
- ▶ finished doing recently
- ▶ never bother to do
- ▶ stopped doing recently

"Whv's that? Were you bad at math?"