



## Grammar

## -ing form &amp; to-infinitive

## 4 a) Read the box and find examples in the dialogue in Ex. 2a.

love, like, enjoy, hate, don't mind,  
prefer + **-ing form**

*I like watching soap operas.*

love, like, hate, prefer, would love,  
would like, would prefer + **to-infinitive**

*I'd like to watch something else.*

**Note:** we can use love, like, hate and prefer either with an **-ing form** or with a **to-infinitive**

## b) Put the verbs in brackets into the correct form of the to-infinitive or the -ing form.

- A: James hates \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) soap operas.  
B: I know. He prefers \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) documentaries.
- A: I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ (relax) in front of the TV tonight.  
B: Oh no! It's Saturday! I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (go) out somewhere.
- A: Dan still enjoys \_\_\_\_\_ (listen) to the top 40 chart show on the radio.  
B: Really? I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) music videos on MTV.
- A: Emma loves \_\_\_\_\_ (answer) the questions when she watches quiz shows on TV.  
B: I'd like \_\_\_\_\_ (see) her go on one as a contestant for real, though.
- A: Wouldn't you just love \_\_\_\_\_ (star) in a reality TV programme?  
B: No way! I wouldn't like \_\_\_\_\_ (appear) on anything like that.
- A: Would you like \_\_\_\_\_ (see) a film tonight?  
B: Not really. I'd prefer \_\_\_\_\_ (go) dancing.

Everyday English  
Expressing specific preference

5 Use the language in the box and the prompts to ask and answer about preferences, as in the example.

- watch the news/watch a film
- go to the cinema/watch a DVD
- eat out/get a takeaway
- watch a documentary/watch sport

A: Do you want to watch the news?

B: I'd prefer to watch a film.

## Asking about specific preference

- Do you want + to-infinitive  
*Do you want to watch TV?*
- Would you like + to-infinitive  
*Would you like to go to the cinema?*

## Expressing specific preference

- I'd prefer + to-infinitive  
*I'd prefer to listen to music.*
- I'd rather + infinitive without to  
*I'd rather stay in tonight than go out.*

## Listening

6 Listen and match the people to the TV programmes. Three programmes don't match.

|   |       |                      |
|---|-------|----------------------|
| 1 | Ian   | A game show          |
| 2 | Laura | B talk show          |
| 3 | Neil  | C sitcom             |
| 4 | Zoe   | D police drama       |
| 5 | Fiona | E sport              |
|   |       | F wildlife programme |
|   |       | G cartoon            |
|   |       | H documentary        |

## Writing &amp; Speaking

7 Find a TV guide for today. Write a dialogue like the one in Ex. 2a. Then act out your dialogue.