

-ing forms

We can use the *-ing* form of a verb as the subject of a sentence.

Playing outside is good for children.

Reading in a foreign language can be difficult.

Preposition + -ing form

We often use *-ing* forms after a preposition.

After seeing the film, he cried.

Before going to bed, he had a shower.

Verb + to infinitive

Some verbs are followed by a *to* infinitive.

I hope to become a doctor.

He decided to buy a new car.

I'd like to go on holiday.

I promise to do my homework.

We expect to be home tomorrow.

Verb + -ing form

Some verbs are followed by an *-ing* form.

I love swimming.

She enjoys playing tennis.

They avoid travelling by bus.

I miss seeing my friends.

verbs followed by an <i>-ing</i> form	verbs followed by a <i>to</i> infinitive
avoid	agree
don't mind	choose
enjoy	decide
finish	expect
imagine	help
miss	hope
spend time	need
stop	promise
	seem
	want
	would like

- 1 Complete the sentences with the *-ing* or *to* + infinitive form of the verbs in the box.

drink finish go have live
play read repair swim visit

- The mechanic helped _____ my car.
- I need _____ a meeting with my financial consultant.
- Would you like _____ out for dinner tonight?
- I can't imagine _____ in that house – it's so small!
- I don't like _____ water from a bottle.
- They decided _____ football this morning.
- Do you enjoy _____ in the sea?
- I hope _____ my degree this year.
- I love _____ books about adventures.
- They want _____ the monuments tomorrow.

- 2 Complete the text with the correct *-ing* or *to* infinitive form of the verbs in brackets

Helping me choose

When I was ten, I wanted ¹ _____ (be) a pilot. I hoped ² _____ (fly) all over the world. But when I turned eleven, everything changed because I met Mrs Jones, a teacher at my secondary school. She was the best! I enjoyed ³ _____ (learn) with Mrs Jones because everything we did was fun. Before ⁴ _____ (attend) her class, I hated science, but I stopped ⁵ _____ (hate) it because of her. We spent lots of time ⁶ _____ (do) fun things. She took us outside to learn about nature and she also took us to amazing museums. She seemed ⁷ _____ (love) teaching and she was very kind to us. ⁸ _____ (learn) became fun. After ⁹ _____ (study) with her for a year, I decided ¹⁰ _____ (become) a teacher myself. Ten years later, I was standing in front of my own class!

1A personality adjectives

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1 A Complete the sentences with the adjectives in the box.

bossy crazy easy-going funny generous helpful kind
noisy patient polite reliable rude serious tidy

- 1 My parents are pretty _____ and relaxed. They don't mind if I stay out late.
- 2 It's very _____ of him to donate so much money to helping homeless people.
- 3 Jack never says please or thank you. He's so _____ !
- 4 My dad is a very _____ and thoughtful man. He doesn't joke very much.
- 5 At first, my parents thought I was _____ when I told them my plans to quit my nice job and travel for six months.
- 6 I'm not very _____. I hate waiting for things.
- 7 I don't think it's very _____ to leave without saying thank you.
- 8 My brother and I are complete opposites. He's really messy and I'm very _____.
- 9 The teacher was very _____ and gave me some good advice.
- 10 My neighbours are too _____. They play loud music all the time!
- 11 She is such a _____ lady, always trying to do things for other people.
- 12 My sister is really _____. She's always telling me what to do!
- 13 I laugh so much when I'm with Tom – he's really _____.
- 14 I know that if I ask Chloe to do the job, she will do it well. She's very _____.

B VB1.01 | Listen and check.

C Look at the adjectives in the box in Ex 1A again. Are the characteristics positive, negative or neutral? Which words can you use to describe yourself?

1B work

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1 A Complete what the people say about their jobs with the words in the boxes.

career part-time wages

'I'm a student, but I have a ¹ _____ job in a supermarket. I work every Saturday and Sunday. I'm studying finance and I'd like a ² _____ as a banker one day. I think it's an interesting job and the ³ _____ are good. I can make a lot of money.'

full-time responsible for run

'I ⁴ _____ a small company that makes furniture. I'm ⁵ _____ the designs and for finding customers. It's a ⁶ _____ job. Sometimes I work fourteen hours a day when we're busy.'

out of work profession qualifications volunteer

'I'm a singer. Unfortunately, I'm ⁷ _____ at the moment. Singing is a very difficult ⁸ _____ because there are loads of singers and a lot of competition. I have no ⁹ _____ because I never did well in exams and I left school when I was fifteen. When I'm not singing, I ¹⁰ _____ at a shelter for homeless people. We aren't paid, but I love helping others.'

B VB1.02 | Listen and check.

C Choose six of the words and expressions in Ex 1A. Write true sentences about you.

My qualifications include a law degree and a Master's degree in English.

I work part-time in a restaurant and I also study part-time.