

Test 1 Training

Reading and Use of English • Part 4

In this part you:

- **read** six sentences
- **rewrite** the sentences using the word in capital letters so that your answers have a similar meaning

Useful language *-ing* and *to + infinitive*

- 1** Some verbs are followed by *-ing* and some are followed by *to + infinitive*. Others can be followed by both *-ing* and *to + infinitive* with no change in meaning. Write these verbs under the correct heading.

Tip! You may have to answer questions that test *-ing* or *to + infinitive* in Part 4.

intend like mind refuse promise suggest
finish pretend offer continue consider tend
dislike prefer avoid plan decide enjoy
deny risk fail start practise afford

verbs + <i>-ing</i>	verbs + <i>to + infinitive</i>	verbs + <i>-ing</i> and <i>to + infinitive</i> (no change in meaning)
mind		

- 2** Some verbs can be followed by either *-ing* or *to + infinitive*, but there *is* a change in meaning. Look at sentences 1–5 and try to work out the difference in meaning in each pair, a and b.

- a Jack did some homework and then **stopped to watch** his favourite TV programme.

b Jack **stopped watching** his favourite TV programme because he needed to do his homework.
- a Even though Maria's lesson had finished, her teacher **went on talking**.

b Maria's teacher told them all about their new project, and then **went on to talk** about their homework.
- a Why don't you **try taking** lemon and honey for your cough?

b I **tried not to cough** during the film, but it didn't work!
- a I **need to ask** mum to make an appointment at the hairdresser's for a haircut.

b My hair really **needs cutting** – it's too long!
- a I **remembered to take** my project to school with me yesterday.

b I can clearly **remember going** to the seaside for the first time. It was wonderful!



- 3** Underline the correct alternative in *italics* in each sentence.

- I look forward *to hear* / *to hearing* from you.
- I can't wait *to meet* / *to meeting* you.
- I am interested *to apply* / *in applying* for the IT web design course.
- Thank you for giving me the chance *to suggest* / *of suggesting* new ideas.
- The money will be used *in improving* / *to improve* our customer services department.
- I am writing this letter *to asking* / *to ask* for more information.