



-ing and infinitives

We use the -ing form	We use the to infinitive
<p>After prepositions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I'm not happy about working late.• Brian's nervous about taking his driving test.	<p>After adjectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• It's difficult to climb Mount Everest.• I'm pleased to meet you.
<p>After some verbs. These include avoid, can't, stand, consider, dislike, enjoy, finish, give up, imagine, involve, keep, mind, practise, suggest, understand.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• I can't stand doing housework	<p>After some verbs. These include afford, agree, appear, arrange, ask, choose, decide, expect, hesitate, hope, learn, manage, offer, plan, promise, refuse, want.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We can't afford to buy a new car.
<p>As a noun when the verb is the subject or object of a sentence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycling to work is healthier than driving.	

Choose the correct form of the words to complete the sentences.

- 1 I considered to retake/ retaking the test.
- 2 To drive/Driving when you're tired is bad.
- 3 I've arranged to meet/ meeting my friends later.
- 4 Don't hesitate to write/writing back if you have any questions.
- 5 I was so sorry to hear/hearing your news.
- 6 My friend suggested to speak/speaking to the teacher.
- 7 I think public transport is better than to take/taking the car.
- 8 I'm so worried about to meet/ meeting my new boss.

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Listen and complete the sentences with the word or words you hear.

1. Someone who'll watch the football without _____!
2. _____ your friend will help you.
3. Someone you enjoy _____ time with.
4. It's important _____ near each other.
5. Someone you can't wait _____ your news with.

Look at the sentences in Activity 3 and complete the rules with either the -ing form or the infinitive. Use the:

1. _____ after some verbs such as mind, enjoy, keep.
2. _____ after some verbs such as expect, learn, can't wait.
3. _____ when the verb is the subject or object of a sentence.
4. _____ after a preposition (after, on, before, etc.).
5. _____ after an adjective (pleased, happy, etc.).

Choose the correct words to complete the blog about kindness.

What's the kindest thing someone has done for you lately?

Jamie: My friends arranged (1) to stay / staying with me all weekend after my boyfriend broke up with me. It was so kind!

Boxer: My dad was sick and it was hard for me and my brother. A neighbour said she would be happy (2) to come / coming round and cook for us. It was such a huge help!

Sunni: (3) To hear / Hearing my friend say I looked great! That made my day.

Tabitha: My new mobile fell out of my pocket on the underground without me (4) to notice / noticing it. A guy picked it up and gave it back.

Basil: I can't remember anyone (5) to be / being kind to me lately!



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