

-ing and infinitives

We use the -ing form	We use the *to* infinitive
After prepositions. • I'm not happy **about working** late. • Brian's nervous **about taking** his driving test. After some verbs. These include ***avoid, can't, stand, consider, dislike, enjoy, finish, give up, imagine, involve, keep, mind, practise, suggest, understand.*** • I can't stand **doing** housework As a noun when the verb is the subject or object of a sentence. • **Cycling** to work is healthier than driving.	After adjectives • It's **difficult to climb** Mount Everest. • I'm **pleased to meet** you. After some verbs. These include ***afford, agree, appear, arrange, ask, choose, decide, expect, hesitate, hope, learn, manage, offer, plan, promise, refuse, want.*** • We can't **afford to buy** a new car.

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 boyfrien 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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