

1B verb patterns

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-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

PRACTICE

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!

