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Grammar videos: Verb + -ing or verb + infinitive – exercises



Watch the video and read the conversation between Sophie and Giovanni. Then do these exercises to check your understanding of the two verb patterns.



1. Check your grammar: grouping – verb + -ing or verb + infinitive

Write the verbs in the correct group.

avoid	finish	invite someone	stop
decide	enjoy	mind	look forward to
need	want	promise	plan

+ -ing	+ infinitive
suggest (e.g. I suggested going …)	offer (e.g. I offered to go …)

2. Check your grammar: multiple choice – verb + -ing or verb + infinitive

Circle the correct option to complete these sentences.

1. I'm really looking forward **to seeing you** / **to see you** at the weekend.
2. I promise not **to tell anyone** / **telling anyone** .
3. I must remember **to call Dad** / **calling Dad** on his birthday.
4. The thing I most enjoy **to do** / **doing** at the weekend is sleeping.
5. Do you remember **to come here** / **coming here** when you were two?
6. You can't pretend **to be eighteen** / **being eighteen** – you only look twelve!
7. What do you want **to give Mum** / **giving Mum** for her birthday?
8. I need to stop **doing my homework** / **to do my homework** late at night – I keep making terrible mistakes!

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3. Check your grammar: gap fill – verb + -ing or verb + infinitive

Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1. I love _____ (go) to see my grandparents!
2. Please remember _____ (give) your keys to your brother.
3. We've decided _____ (go) to Turkey for our holidays.
4. I'd really love _____ (see) you again.
5. I'm not looking forward to _____ (go) to the dentist.
6. Oh, I hate _____ (have) to get up early on a Sunday!
7. What do you want _____ (do) later?
8. Would you mind _____ (close) the window?

Discussion
Think about your week. What do you enjoy doing? What do you not mind doing? And what do you avoid doing if possible?

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