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Word Skills

Verb + infinitive or *-ing* form

I can identify and use different verb patterns.

1 Circle the correct verb form in these sentences. Tick the box if both forms are correct.

1 My friends agreed **paying / to pay** for my ticket. ☐
2 I don't mind **cycling / to cycle** in the rain. ☐
3 I've started **learning / to learn** the saxophone. ☐
4 Two men have admitted **stealing / to steal** the painting. ☐
5 We ended up **staying / to stay** at the hotel for a week instead of two nights. ☐
6 Do you like **going / to go** for walks on the beach? ☐
7 I hate **seeing / to see** animals in pain. ☐
8 I don't expect **passing / to pass** all my exams. ☐
9 She offered **phoning / to phone** me later. ☐

2 Complete the text with the infinitive or *-ing* form of the verbs in brackets. Sometimes both are correct.



At the end of a long journey, most people prefer [1] *to get* (get) home and relax as soon as possible. They don't fancy [2]_____ (shop), but they don't want [3]_____ (arrive) home with nothing to eat.

Now, travellers who pass through Gatwick Airport in London can avoid [4]_____ (return) home to an empty fridge by choosing [5]_____ (visit) a virtual shop. There are no real products in the shop, only images on ten large screens. When you decide [6]_____ (buy) something, you use your smartphone to scan it. You keep [7]_____ (scan) items until you've found everything you need, then you pay. After that, you can spend a week or two [8]_____ (enjoy) your holiday. The shop promises [9]_____ (deliver) your shopping soon after you get home. According to the retailer, the virtual shop is a perfect combination of traditional and online shopping. People enjoy [10]_____ (look) around shops, but they also love [11]_____ (shop) online because it's so convenient.

3 Study the dictionary entries and answer the questions.

1 How many meanings are there for each verb?
_____
2 Which verb takes an infinitive? _____
3 Which verb takes an *-ing* form? _____
4 Which entry shows the verb pattern at the start of one meaning? _____
5 Which entry only shows the verb pattern in an example?
_____
6 Which entry uses ***bold and italic type*** for two words that often go together? _____

fail / feɪl / *verb* **1** [I, T] to not be successful in sth: *She failed her driving test* • *I feel that I've failed – I'm 25 and I still haven't got a job* **2** [I] **fail to do sth** to not do sth *She failed to notice that the front door was open.*

risk / rɪsk / *verb* [T] **1** to put sth or yourself in a dangerous position: *The man **risked** his **life** to save the little boy* **2** to take the chance of sth unpleasant happening: *If you don't work hard now, you risk failing your exams.*

VOCAB BOOST!

When you learn new verbs, it is a good idea to learn the verb pattern at the same time, if there is one. You can write it like this:

suggest doing something
refuse to do something

Writing an example is a good way to learn the pattern. An example that is true for you might make it easier to remember:

My brother always suggests playing video games.
My sister refuses to help me with my homework.

4 Write example sentences to show the verb patterns for these verbs.

1 hope _____
_____
_____
2 fancy _____
_____
_____
3 pretend _____
_____
_____
4 can't stand _____
_____
_____

LIVEWORKSHEETS