

1.5 Grammar

Verb + -ing form or verb + to-infinitive

I can use different verb patterns.

- 1 In pairs, match the words in the box with the clothes (a-f) in the pictures. Which of the clothes do you own?

[hoodie ☐ jacket ☐ suit ☐
sweatpants ☐ tie ☐ uniform ☐]

- 2 Tick the sentence that best describes your opinion about clothes.

- 1 I want to look good at all times. ☐
2 I enjoy wearing comfortable things. ☐
3 I'm not interested in clothes. ☐

- 3 Read the GRAMMAR FOCUS. Then complete the examples using the verb patterns in blue in Exercise 2.

GRAMMAR FOCUS

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- After some verbs and verb phrases you usually use the -ing form of a verb.

Examples: avoid, can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend time

I enjoy ¹ _____ comfortable things.

- After some verbs and verb phrases you usually use the to-infinitive.

Examples: agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, would like, would prefer

I want ² _____ good at all times.

- 4 Complete the questionnaire with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
- 5 Do the questionnaire. Then compare your answers with a partner.
- 6 Complete the sentences with to wear or wearing. Then tick the sentences that are true for you.
- 1 I can't stand _____ formal clothes like suits. ☐
2 I don't mind _____ sweatpants at home. ☐
3 I refuse _____ skinny jeans. They're too uncomfortable. ☐
4 I hate _____ heavy winter coats. ☐
5 I can't afford _____ designer clothes. They're too expensive. ☐
6 I avoid _____ anything yellow or pink. ☐
- 7 Complete the sentences with information about you. Write five true sentences and one false one.
- 1 I love ... 4 I spend a lot of time ...
2 I need ... 5 I sometimes pretend ...
3 I've decided ... 6 I hope ...
- 8 In pairs, take turns to read your sentences from Exercise 7. Guess which of your partner's sentences is false.

WHAT IS YOUR ATTITUDE TO CLOTHES?

1 (SPEND)

- A I spend a lot of money on clothes.
B I can't afford ^{to spend} much money on clothes.
C I prefer ² _____ my money on going out.

2 (GO)

- A I enjoy ³ _____ shopping for clothes.
B I don't mind ⁴ _____ shopping for clothes.
C I refuse ⁵ _____ shopping for clothes.

3 (BUY)

- A I love ⁶ _____ new clothes every season.
B I only buy clothes when I need them.
C I avoid ⁷ _____ new clothes for as long as possible.

4 (WEAR)

- A I refuse ⁸ _____ sweatpants.
B I love ⁹ _____ sweatpants at home for comfort.
C I wear sweatpants all the time.

5 (GET)

- A I hope ¹⁰ _____ a job where I can wear all my favourite clothes.
B I want ¹¹ _____ a job where I can wear practical, comfortable clothes.
C I'd like ¹² _____ a job where I can wear a uniform or a suit.

6 (THINK)

- A In the morning, I spend a lot of time ¹³ _____ about my clothes.
B In the morning, I don't spend much time ¹⁴ _____ about my clothes.
C I wear the same clothes every day.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Mainly As I LOVE THEM

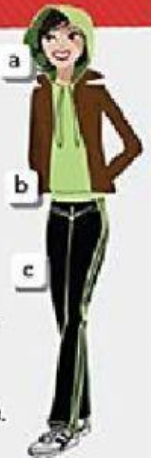
You enjoy ¹⁵ _____ (think) about clothes (perhaps a bit too much). The way you look is important for your personal identity.

Mainly Bs I NEED THEM

You don't mind ¹⁶ _____ (think) about clothes, but they are not your priority. You prefer casual clothes because you need ¹⁷ _____ (be) comfortable.

Mainly Cs I HATE THEM

You hate ¹⁸ _____ (think) about clothes! You choose ¹⁹ _____ (spend) your time and money on other things. But don't forget: clothes can be fun.



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Verb + -ing or verb + to-infinitive?

We use the -ing form after these verbs: *can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend (time)*:

I hate wearing a suit and a tie.

We use the to-infinitive after these verbs: *agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, would like, would prefer*.

I can't afford to buy this jacket.

- 1 I don't mind _____ (get up) early.
- 2 Karen spends a lot of time _____ (chat) online.
- 3 We refuse _____ (eat) meat or fish.
- 4 I always agree _____ (help) my brother with his homework.
- 5 They hope _____ (get) a job in the media.
- 6 I can't stand _____ (wait) in queues.
- 7 Peter wants _____ (be) like Steve Jobs.
- 8 Sue has decided _____ (lend) me her new dress.
- 9 You should avoid _____ (eat) fast food.
- 10 Does Angela enjoy _____ (work) in a hospital?
- 11 A lot of people can't afford _____ (eat) in a restaurant every day.
- 12 I'm considering _____ (become) a volunteer.
- 13 When are you coming back? I really need _____ (see) you.
- 14 In the winter I always miss _____ (swim) in the sea.
- 15 Most of my friends prefer _____ (wear) jeans to sweatpants.
- 16 I would prefer _____ (stay) at home tonight if you don't mind.
- 17 Rob really hates _____ (tidy) his room.
- 18 Amy works for a charity – she loves _____ (help) people in need.
- 19 We managed _____ (finish) our project on time.
- 20 Peter likes _____ (work) in a team.

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SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

1 Choose the correct answer, A, B or C.

- We ___ town on Saturday afternoons. We hate shopping when it's busy.
A avoid B miss C decide
- I ___ a burger and a chocolate milkshake, please.
A like B 'd like C love
- They usually eat in the most expensive restaurants, but we ___ it. We don't have enough money.
A don't mind B enjoy C can't afford
- My little brother ___ that he's riding a motorbike. He makes motorbike noises and runs around the house.
A enjoys B pretends C spends time
- Dad still goes running in the winter, but Mum ___. She won't go because it's too cold.
A prefers B refuses C agrees
- I don't know how I'll ___ to finish all this homework before school on Monday, but I'll try.
A hope B consider C manage

2 ★ Choose the correct options.

- Christopher doesn't mind to pay / paying for English lessons. He goes on holiday to England every year.
- Amy avoids to sunbathe / sunbathing. She has blonde hair and very white skin.
- Do you want to go / going camping at the weekend?
- Marco and his mum choose flying / to fly when they visit their family in Italy.
- Carly pretends to be / being cheerful when she's away, but I think she really misses home.
- Do we really need to take / taking four big bags with us? We're only going away for three days.

3 ★ ★ Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in capitals.

1 SHOP

I don't like shopping with my dad. He hates _____ and I refuse _____ with him.

2 SWIM

Lola loves _____. Yesterday she managed _____ 500 metres. Next weekend she hopes _____ a full kilometre.

3 BUY

Can you afford _____ this expensive coat? You should consider _____ a cheaper one. You need to save money.

4 MEET

Simon enjoys _____ his friends at the skate park. This weekend they've agreed _____ at the skate shop because he wants to buy new wheels for his board.

4 ★ ★ ★ Complete the forum post with the correct form of the verbs in the box. There are two extra verbs.

cook eat find live miss
see shop visit write

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Are you a foreigner living in Poland?
Tell us what you think about living here and what you miss from home.

ArayaWarsaw writes:

My family comes from Thailand, but we live in Warsaw because my dad works for a Polish electronics company. I like ¹ living in Poland, but I'm not keen on the food. I miss ² _____ for fresh food in the markets in Bangkok. Luckily, my mum is always busy in the kitchen. She spends a lot of time ³ _____ our favourite Thai meals. Unfortunately, she can't always manage ⁴ _____ the right ingredients, and we can't afford ⁵ _____ Thailand every time we do our shopping! Anyway, I'm happy to say that there are always chillies in the shops in Poland. My dad won't consider ⁶ _____ a meal without chillies! Are there any other Thai teenagers out there? Would you like ⁷ _____ to me and tell me what you miss about Thailand? I promise to reply.

SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- I spend a lot of time _____ (talk) on the telephone.
- Katie loves _____ (walk) in the park in the summer.
- My mum and dad avoid _____ (discuss) politics.
- We'd like _____ (meet) you on Sunday afternoon.
- My little brother misses _____ (play) with my dad when he's away on business.
- My sister hates _____ (wash) the car when it's cold.

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