

Verb + infinitive or *-ing* form

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

¹to 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.