Grammar

Verbs with *-ing* or *to* infinitive

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-ing or *to* infinitive

1 Look at the picture. Who is it? What is she doing?



2 Listen and complete the interview with a clown.

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being doing making talking ~~to become~~
to do to laugh to learn to work

David: Why did you decide **(1)** ....to become.... a clown?

Tanya: Well, I love **(2)** ..... – everybody does, don't they? When I was 11, my parents got a clown to come to my birthday party. He was very funny, and I thought, 'I want **(3)** ..... that,' so I did!

David: Is it difficult **(4)** ..... to be a clown?

Tanya: Juggling is the hardest thing. That took months of practice!

David: What's the best thing about **(5)** ..... a clown?

Tanya: That's easy – I love **(6)** ..... people laugh.

David: Do you make much money?

Tanya: No, not much! I do children's parties for free. It's just something I enjoy **(7)** .....

David: What about the future?

Tanya: I'd like **(8)** ..... in the film industry when I finish school.

David: Well, good luck, and thanks for **(9)** ..... to me.

Tanya: Thanks. It was fun.

3 Find examples of these rules in the interview.

Rules

1 Some verbs are followed by the *to* infinitive.
Decide to become
2 Some verbs are followed by the *-ing* form. .....
3 When a verb follows a preposition (except *to*), it is always an *-ing* form. .....
4 *Would like* is followed by the *to* infinitive. .....
5 When a verb follows an adjective, it is usually a *to* infinitive. .....
6 Some verbs can be followed by either the *to* infinitive or the *-ing* form. .....

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

1 Do you want ....to go.... (go) to the rock concert?
2 We enjoy ..... (work) with young people.
3 I'd like ..... (help) you, but I'm very busy.
4 Don't worry about ..... (clean) your room. I'll do it for you.
5 He doesn't mind ..... (sleep) on the sofa.
6 What job do you hope ..... (do) when you leave school?
7 Thank you for ..... (come) to my party.
8 I finished ..... (read) at 12 o'clock.
9 Dad promised ..... (buy) me a camera.
10 I'm tired of ..... (wait) for my friend.

5 **/ɒ/ *-ing* forms**

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Underline all the verbs in Exercise 4 ending in *-ing*. How are they pronounced? Listen and check.

6 Write four true and one false sentence about yourself.

Write about something you:

- hate doing
- are good at doing
- hope to do in the future
- worry about doing
- are learning to do

7 Work in pairs. Read your sentences to your partner. Can your partner guess which sentence is false?

8 Exam candidates often make mistakes with infinitives and *-ing* forms. Correct the mistake in each sentence.

1 I don't like ~~cook~~. cooking
2 Thank you for to send letter to me.
3 I'd like know what you had for dinner last night.
4 I want invited you to my house.
5 It soon stopped to rain.

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-ING OR TO INFINITIVE AFTER VERBS, ADJECTIVES AND PREPOSITIONS

We use to-infinitive after:		
some verbs	*choose, help, hope, learn, offer, want*	*I **hope to go** to university next year.* *He **wants to help** me.* *I'm **learning to speak** Italian.*
adjectives	*happy, difficult,* etc.	*They were **happy to see** me.* *This exercise isn't **difficult to do**.* *She was **surprised to hear** I was ill.*
would like, etc.	*would like/love/ hate, …*	*We'**d like to come** and see you later.*

We use the -ing form after:		
some verbs	*enjoy, finish, keep, mind, miss*	*I **enjoy watching** all sports.* *We **finished doing** our homework.* *I **miss seeing** my friends.*
prepositions	*for, of, about, …*	*Thanks **for helping** me.*

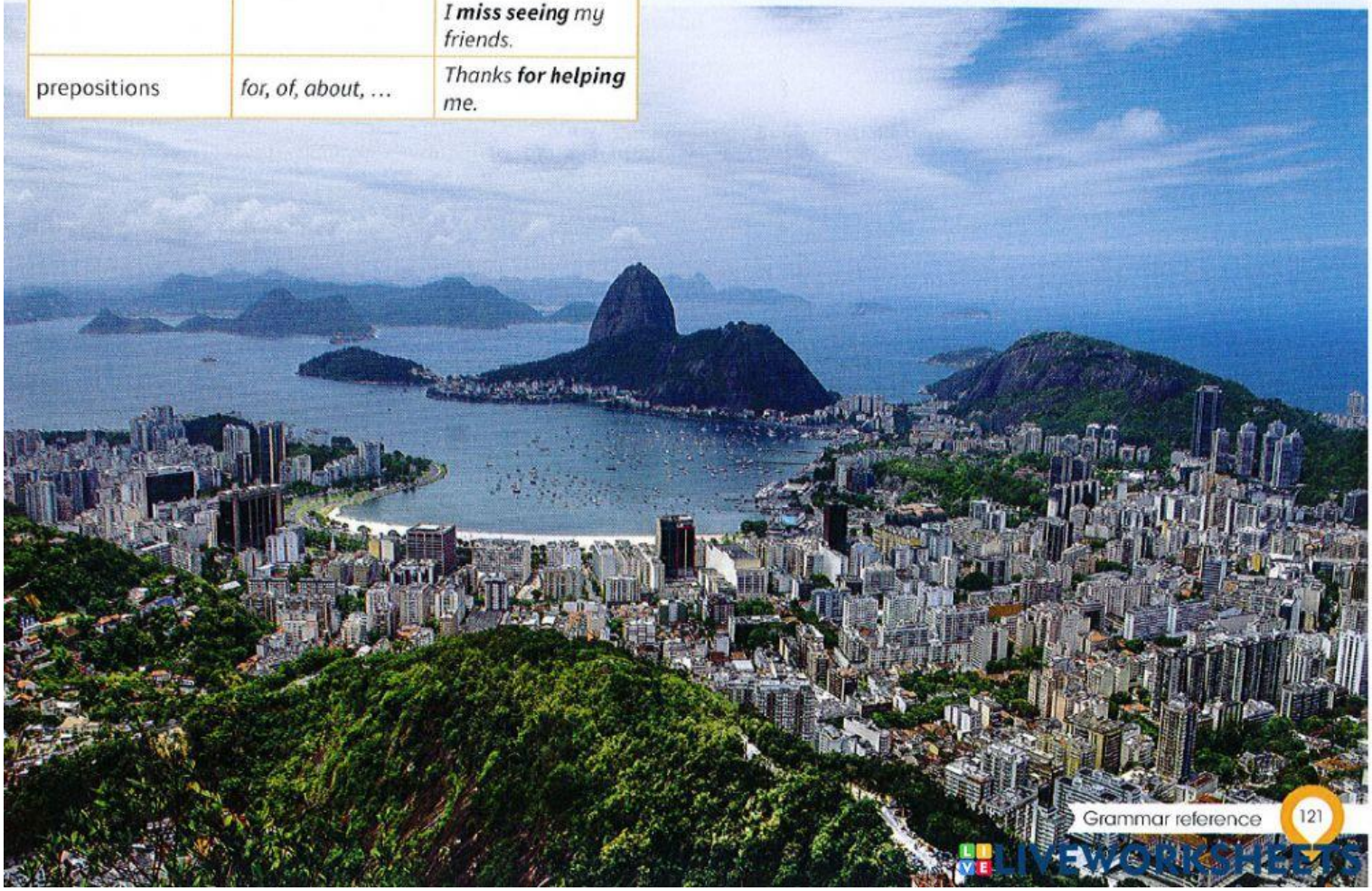
PRACTICE

1 **Choose the correct words in italics.**

1 I'm pleased *to tell / telling* you the first prize is yours.
2 My dad offered *to help / helping* me with my homework.
3 I enjoy *to play / playing* the piano.
4 Let's finish *to watch / watching* the film before we go to bed.
5 My brother and I enjoy *to play / playing* video games.
6 Thank you for *to help / helping* me.

2 **Underline and correct the mistake in each sentence.**

1 My friends and I always enjoy to meet in town on Saturdays.
2 I hope visiting Brazil one day.
3 I'm sorry hearing you're ill
4 All my friends enjoy watch football.
5 Do you mind to wait a little longer?



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