

VERBS WITH -ING (gerund) AND TO (infinitive)

More and more people are deciding ¹to live / living alone, but why? There are two main reasons. Firstly, fewer people want ²to get / getting married or live with partners now. Secondly, as societies keep ³to get / getting richer, people don't need ⁴to share / sharing the cost of living with a partner. There are also many advantages to living alone. In particular, many people enjoy ⁵to have / having peace and quiet, especially after a busy day at work. However, it can be very expensive. People who live alone often decide not ⁶to buy / buying luxury items so they can pay the rent, and most people say they wouldn't like ⁷to be / being alone in old age. It's a decision we must make carefully.

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the correct form.

move be have take leave swim retire get live
change

- 1 I'm learning to swim because I'd like to go sailing this summer.
- 2 I hate to leave house.
- 3 We're planning to have a baby next year.
- 4 My husband agreed to move when he's 67.
- 5 Are you hoping to take home when you get a job?
- 6 David must stop to change careers.
- 7 Beth and Alain like to live together.
- 8 I would like to give up running.
- 9 They decided to get married on a beach.
- 10 I can't imagine to be an old person.