Verb + infinitive or *-ing* form

I can identify and use different verb patterns.

1 Choose 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.

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3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

1. After a long journey, what do most people prefer to do?
2. According to the text, what can travellers at Gatwick Airport avoid?
3. Is there real food in the virtual shop at the airport?
4. How do customers choose and pay for items in the virtual shop?
5. What does the virtual shop promise to do after you get home?
6. According to the text, why do people enjoy shopping online?

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