

## LIKE TO DO or LIKE DOING?

Like takes a **to-infinitive** when it means that we prefer to do something even though we may not enjoy it.

*I like to check my work carefully before I hand it in.*

Like usually takes a **gerund** when we use it to talk about hobbies and interests.

*Claire likes skiing.*

*I don't like swimming much.*

## WOULD LIKE + TO-INFINITIVE

After **would like**, **would love**, **would prefer** and **would hate** we use a **to-infinitive** but NOT usually a gerund.

*I'd like to do a parachute jump one day.*

*My sister would love to work as an artist.*

*Mark would prefer to drive rather than take the train.*

*I'm glad I live here. I'd hate to live in a big city.*

## WOULD LIKE or LIKE?

*I'd like to lie on the beach today. It's too hot to do anything else.*

**I'd like** means '**I want**', but it is more polite.

*I like lying on the beach. I always spend my holidays sunbathing.*

**I like** means the same as '**I enjoy**'.

## 12 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets using them with the gerund or the infinitive.

1 **Mark:** I've always wanted to visit San Francisco.

**Sarah:** Me too. (*I'd love*) *I'd love to visit* it some time.

2 **Harriet:** Tom seems to enjoy watching football matches.

**David:** Yes, (*he loves*) \_\_\_\_\_ World Championships.

3 **Trevor:** I'm glad I don't work as late as Sarah does.

**Laura:** Me too. (*I wouldn't like*) \_\_\_\_\_ such long hours.

4 **Matthew:** I think I'll go and see this new film.

**Emma:** Can I go with you? (*I'd like*) \_\_\_\_\_ it, too.

5 **Rachel:** Do you want to come with me or wait here?

**Vicky:** (*I'd prefer*) \_\_\_\_\_ with you if that's OK.

6 **Laura:** I think queuing is my least favourite activity.

**Tom:** I agree. (*I hate*) \_\_\_\_\_.

7 **Claire:** Does Mark cook for you?

**Sarah:** No, not often. (*he doesn't like*) \_\_\_\_\_.

8 **Reporter:** Have you ever flown in a hot-air balloon?

**Mrs Miles:** No, but (*I'd love*) \_\_\_\_\_ in one someday.

9 **Rachel:** Did you say you're having your teeth examined at today?

**Emma:** Yes, (*I like*) \_\_\_\_\_ them checked once a year.

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**Choose the best answer 'a', 'b' or 'c'.**

1 He likes to sleep / sleeping.  
a) to sleep b) sleeping c) either 'a' or 'b'

2 \_\_\_\_\_ is bad for you.  
a) To smoke b) Smoking c) either 'a' or 'b'

3 He took up \_\_\_\_\_ while on vacation in France.  
a) drawing b) to draw c) either 'a' or 'b'

4 He wanted \_\_\_\_\_, but his mother  
wouldn't let him.  
a) coming b) to come c) either 'a' or 'b'

5 I really enjoy \_\_\_\_\_ to you.  
a) to talk b) talking c) either 'a' or 'b'

6 I like surfing, but I prefer \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) swimming b) to swim c) either 'a' or 'b'

7 I tried \_\_\_\_\_ a cake.  
a) to bake b) baking c) either 'a' or 'b'

8 I don't remember \_\_\_\_\_ the lawyer yesterday.  
a) to call b) calling c) either 'a' or 'b'

9 I have to remember \_\_\_\_\_ the lawyer tomorrow.  
a) to call b) calling c) either 'a' or 'b'

10 I don't feel like \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) to go out b) going out c) either 'a' or 'b'

11 I don't want \_\_\_\_\_ an old car.  
a) to drive b) driving c) either 'a' or 'b'

12 I don't mind \_\_\_\_\_ an old car.

- a) to drive
- b) driving
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

13 Don't forget \_\_\_\_\_ say "thank you".

- a) to say
- b) saying
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

14 He tried \_\_\_\_\_ her.

- a) to help
- b) helping
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

15 What do you think about \_\_\_\_\_ out tonight?

- a) going
- b) to go
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

16 I really love \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) skiing
- b) to ski
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

17 Do you want \_\_\_\_\_ a movie tonight?

- a) to see
- b) seeing
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

18 \_\_\_\_\_ a new language can be fun!

- a) To learn
- b) Learning
- c) either 'a' or 'b'

19 It's hard \_\_\_\_\_ a firefighter.

- a) to be
- b) being
- c) either 'a' or 'b'