

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.

13 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'