1D verb + *-ing* form

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Sometimes we use two verbs together.

I enjoy cooking.

I don't like working at the weekend.

We use the *-ing* form of the second verb after verbs of feeling: *love, like, enjoy, not mind,* dislike, hate*, etc.

**not mind* = it's not a problem

I don't mind packing.

Priya **doesn't mind** waiting.

infinitive	*-ing* form	spelling
join cry	join**ing** cry**ing**	most verbs, add *-ing*
hide wake up	hid**ing** wak**ing** up	verbs ending *-e*, change *-e* to *-ing*
swim begin	swim**ming** begin**ning**	verbs ending consonant + vowel + consonant (CVC), double the final consonant and add *-ing*
know play	know**ing** play**ing**	verbs ending CVC with *-y, -w* or *-x*, do not double the final consonant
offer develop	offer**ing** develop**ing**	verbs ending CVC when the stress is not on the final syllable, do not double the final consonant*

begin* → *beginn**ing*: the stress is on the final syllable. Double the *-n*.

offer, develop → *offe**r**ing, develo**p**ing*: the stress is not on the final syllable. Don't double the *-r* or the *-p*.

In the negative, we can also use *not* + *-ing*.

I don't like video meetings. I **hate not meeting** people face to face.

We use *like, love, hate* + *-ing* form to talk about things that are always true.

We use *would like, would love, would hate* + *to* infinitive to talk about something we want or don't want now or in the future.

I like listening to your travel stories, and **I'd love to hear** more, but not now.

I love visiting really hot countries, but **I'd hate to live** in a hot country.

Notice

After *like, love* and *hate*, it is also possible to use the *to* infinitive when talking about the present.

I like **dancing**. I like **to dance**.

I love **swimming**. I love **to swim**.

I hate **being late**. I hate **to be late**.

In most situations there's no difference between the two forms and the *to* infinitive is becoming common in spoken English.

We don't use the *to* infinitive after *enjoy* and *not mind*.

PRACTICE

1 **Complete the sentences with the *-ing* form of the verb in brackets.**

When I was young:

1 I liked _____ to my friends on social media. (chat)
2 I didn't like _____ to bed early. (go)
3 I enjoyed _____ races at school. (win)
4 I loved _____ a new exercise book. (open)
5 I loved _____ a party on my birthday. (have)
6 I hated _____ clothes. (choose)
7 I didn't mind _____ the piano. (practise)
8 I disliked _____ new people. (meet)
9 I hated _____ the washing up. (do)
10 I didn't mind _____ my school uniform. (wear)

2 **Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.**

1 Sam doesn't mind **working** / **to work** late.
2 Janine would love **developing** / **to develop** her own business.
3 I enjoy **relaxing** / **to relax** in the sun.
4 Would you like **having** / **to have** a rest?
5 Hurry up! I'd hate **missing** / **to miss** the train.
6 I hate **living not** / **not living** near the sea.
7 They don't like working, but they love **spend** / **to spend** money.
8 She enjoys **swimming** / **swiming** in the sea, but not in a pool.

3 **Complete the text with the *-ing* form of the verbs in the box.**

answer	arrive	cut	drive	get
listen	repeat	sit	stand	visit

What do you like most about your job?

Casey I'm a lorry driver. In my job, every day is different. I enjoy [1] _____ different places and I love [2] _____ in a new city. I don't mind being alone. I never get lonely because I usually listen to the radio or my music. Of course, I enjoy [3] _____ and nowadays it's easier for me to drive a lorry than a car. What don't I like? Well, I hate [4] _____ up early and I don't like [5] _____ in the lorry all day. I often stop and go for a short walk.

Rowan I'm a hairdresser. I really enjoy [6] _____ people's hair and I love [7] _____ to their news. They tell me all about their lives. They often ask me about my holiday plans, but I don't mind [8] _____ the same questions and [9] _____ the same information nine or ten times a day. What don't I like? Well, I don't enjoy [10] _____ all day, but I can't sit down and do my job.

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