

## Verb patterns II

We can use the **-ing** form with **like** but we always use the **to infinitive** with **would like**:

**like + -ing**

*I like living in Paris.*

**would like + to + infinitive**

*I would like to live in Paris.*

We usually use the short form of **would like**:  
*I'd like to live in Paris.*

TIP

Julie and Ruth are having a picnic together. Complete their conversation using positive or negative forms of *like* or *would like* and the correct verbs in the box. Use short forms if possible.

earn spend give up sit be come happen talk work have go

JULIE I like sitting here<sup>0</sup>, it's very pleasant.

RUTH Me too. And I spend<sup>1</sup> time with good friends. I would like<sup>2</sup> on picnics more often but it isn't always possible. I would like<sup>3</sup> to places like this and I would like<sup>4</sup> to friends like you when we're able to do it.

JULIE I agree. I would like<sup>5</sup> less. What would you like<sup>6</sup> to you in the future?

RUTH Me? I would like<sup>7</sup> a lot of money and I would like<sup>8</sup> work completely! I would like<sup>9</sup> under pressure and I'm under pressure at work a lot.

JULIE I know what you mean. I would like<sup>10</sup> more free time.

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verbs + to ... (I want to do)

want	plan	decide	try
hope	expect	offer	forget
need	promise	refuse	learn

+ to ... (to do / to work / to be etc.)

verbs + -ing (I enjoy doing)

enjoy	stop	suggest
mind	finish	

+ -ing (doing / working / being etc.)

Put the verb in the right form, to ... or -ing.

- I enjoy dancing (dance).
- What do you want to do (do) tonight?
- Goodbye! I hope ..... (see) you again soon.
- I learnt ..... (swim) when I was five years old.
- Have you finished ..... (clean) the kitchen?
- I'm tired. I want ..... (go) to bed.
- Do you enjoy ..... (visit) other countries?
- The weather was nice, so I suggested ..... (go) for a walk by the river.
- Where's Bill? He promised ..... (be) here on time.
- I'm not in a hurry. I don't mind ..... (wait).
- What have you decided ..... (do)?
- George was very angry and refused ..... (speak) to me.
- Where's Ann? I need ..... (ask) her something.
- I was very upset and started ..... (cry).
- I'm trying ..... (work). Please stop ..... (talk).

Complete the sentences using to ... or -ing. Use one of these verbs:

go help live lose rain read see send take wait walk watch

- I like London but I wouldn't like to live there.
- I like taking (OR to take) photographs when I'm on holiday.
- Linda has a lot of books. She enjoys .....
- I'm surprised that you're here. I didn't expect ..... you.
- Don't forget ..... us a postcard when you're on holiday.
- 'Shall we get a taxi to the cinema?' 'If you like, but it isn't far. I don't mind .....
- This ring is very beautiful. I'd hate ..... it.
- Julia had a lot to do, so I offered ..... her.
- What shall we do this afternoon? Would you like ..... to the beach?
- When I'm tired in the evenings, I like ..... television.
- 'Shall we go now?' 'No, I'd prefer ..... a few minutes.'
- I'm not going out until it stops .....

Complete these sentences. Write about yourself. Use to ... or -ing.

- I enjoy .....
- I don't like .....
- If it's a nice day tomorrow, I'd like .....
- When I'm on holiday, I like .....
- I don't mind ..... but .....
- I wouldn't like .....