

GRAMMAR

Verb patterns: gerunds and infinitives

1 Look at the example sentences. Then complete the rules about verb patterns.

I'm worried **about moving** to a new class.

You'll get better **at dancing**.

Thank you **for writing** to the website.

Try to talk to her about how you feel.

If you **decide to do** this, you can give her advice.

They often **forget to invite** me when they go out.

My best friend won't **stop copying** me.

I'll really **miss seeing** them.

- 1 We use the **gerund** (-ing form) after prepositions: about, _____, _____ (also *by, of, with, etc.*)
- 2 We use the **infinitive + to** after some verbs: try, _____, _____ (also *choose, learn, hope, plan, need, want*)
- 3 We can use the **gerund** after some verbs: stop, _____ (also *finish, don't mind*)
- 4 We can use either the **gerund** or the **infinitive** after these verbs: *start, begin, enjoy, like, love, prefer.*

2 Look at three more examples. What form do we use when the verb is the subject of a sentence?

Studying alone isn't easy.

Leaving your friends behind is difficult.

Waiting for them to contact you first isn't always a good idea.

3 Choose the correct form of the verb. In one sentence, both forms are possible.

- 1 My friend decided *buy / to buy* a new pair of sunglasses.
- 2 *Wait / Waiting* for people makes me angry.
- 3 I helped the teacher by *carry / carrying* her books.
- 4 One day, I hope *to be / being* a doctor.
- 5 *Swim / Swimming* in the sea on a hot day is lovely.
- 6 I don't mind *to sit / sitting* by the window.
- 7 I think *to run / running* is the best kind of exercise.
- 8 Everyone loves *to get / getting* presents!
- 9 I'm thinking of *get / getting* a new poster for my room.
- 10 *Saving / Save* a bit of pocket money every week is a really good idea.

4 Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- 1 I hope see you very soon, and I hope that you like my mobile phone.
- 2 I want write about my life.
- 3 I like play computer games best.
- 4 You can get to my house taking the number 6 bus.
- 5 I think it's better to finish study before we go out.
- 6 Would you mind come with me to the shops?

5 Complete each sentence with a verb from the box in the gerund or infinitive.

chat	come	eat	go	improve
pass	play	spend	watch	make

- 1 We need _____ a cake, but we don't know how to do it.
- 2 _____ chocolate isn't very good for you.
- 3 I need _____ the marks I get in maths. Mine are terrible.
- 4 _____ TV late at night makes you tired the next day.
- 5 I'm angry with my neighbour for _____ his music really late at night.
- 6 _____ my exam is very important to me.
- 7 Jack didn't want _____ to my party.
- 8 _____ with friends is really good fun.
- 9 My best friend spends all her free time _____ to the shops with the new girl in our class.
- 10 _____ a lot of time indoors is quite boring.

- 6 In groups of three, each person writes a few sentences about a problem. Listen to each other's problems and give advice. Who has the most interesting problem? Who gives the best advice?

UNIT 10

VERB PATTERNS – GERUNDS AND INFINITIVES

- When we use two verbs together in a sentence, the second verb is usually a **gerund** (*sleeping, swimming, etc.*) or an **infinitive** (*to sleep, to swim*).
I want to meet my new neighbours.
I don't mind helping close friends.
- We use an **infinitive** after some verbs.
We hope to see you soon.
He's learning to play the guitar.
- We use a **gerund** after other verbs.
He finished doing his homework and watched TV.
My dad enjoys playing chess.
- We can use a **gerund** or an **infinitive** after these verbs: *start, begin, prefer, like, love*.
We went to the beach, but then it started raining.
or ... it started to rain.
My friends began playing that game two hours ago.
or My friends began to play ...
- We also use a **gerund** after prepositions (*at, in, for, etc.*).
Thank you for inviting me to your party.
I'm thinking of buying a new bike.

verb + gerund

finish, don't mind,
enjoy, miss

verb + infinitive

decide, choose, learn,
help, hope, plan, want,
need

verb + gerund or verb
+ infinitive

start, begin, prefer, like,
love

- We can use a **gerund** as the subject of a verb.
Joining the film club was a really good idea.

- 1 Complete the sentences with the infinitive or gerund form of the verb in brackets.

- I need to buy (buy) some new trainers.
- I missed _____ (see) you at the party.
- My brother decided _____ (study) maths at university.
- I don't mind _____ (get up) early at the weekend.
- _____ (make) friends isn't always easy.
- My friends enjoy _____ (write) their blogs.
- We finished _____ (download) the film and then we watched it.

- 2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

do fail join make
play upload

- I've found a new app for doing homework.
- I'm interested in _____ new friends.
- My brother is very good at _____ the guitar.
- Don't worry about _____ the exam. It's easy!
- My mum's getting better at _____ photos onto her blog.
- I'm thinking of _____ a computer club.

- 3 Complete the sentences with a verb in the gerund or infinitive form so they are true for you.

- My friends and I are interested in sharing photos and stories.
- When I leave school, I hope _____.
- I don't mind _____, but I don't like _____.
- I started _____ when I was younger.
- I prefer _____ to _____.
- I'm thinking of _____ next weekend.

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1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 I finished *doing* / *to do* my homework and I went to the cinema.
- 2 My sister enjoys *playing* / *to play* the piano.
- 3 I need *learning* / *to learn* computer code because I want to create my own website.
- 4 My friend wanted *buying* / *to buy* a laptop, but they were too expensive.
- 5 Jack doesn't mind *studying* / *study* for exams, but Ronnie hates it.
- 6 *Sleeping* / *To sleep* for 7-8 hours a night helps you stay healthy.

2 Match the sentence halves.

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|-----------------------|-------|
| 1 I tried | _____ |
| 2 My brother loves | _____ |
| 3 I'm thinking of | _____ |
| 4 My sister hopes | _____ |
| 5 Jay's worried about | _____ |
- a failing his maths exam. He says he needs to study more.
 - b to play for the school basketball team next year.
 - c to make a pizza for my family, but it didn't go very well. It was horrible!
 - d meeting friends every weekend. They always have a really good time.
 - e studying Russian next term. We can choose between Russian and French.

3 Complete the sentences with the gerund or the infinitive form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I'm planning _____ (live) in New York when I leave school.
- 2 Sara doesn't mind _____ (see) the film for a second time.
- 3 You need _____ (study) really hard if you want to do well in your exams.
- 4 I'm really afraid of _____ (lose) my phone. I use it for everything.
- 5 My sister decided _____ (go) to university in Istanbul.
- 6 _____ (listen) to music while I study helps me a lot.



4 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.



- 1 A I'm not very interested in seeing this film. _____
B I'm not very interested in see this film. _____
- 2 A The class starts on Monday. Don't forget to bring your things. _____
B The class starts on Monday. Don't forget bring your things. _____
- 3 A I like reading and listening to music. Swim is also good. _____
B I like reading and listening to music. Swimming is also good. _____
- 4 A Thank you very much for invite me to your party. _____
B Thank you very much for inviting me to your party. _____
- 5 A At the music club we sing and learn to play the guitar. _____
B At the music club we sing and learn playing the guitar. _____