

COMPACT A2

TO + V AND THE -ING FORM

We use to + infinitive after:

some verbs	<i>choose, help, hope, learn, need, offer, want, decide</i>	<i>I hope to go to university next year.</i> <i>He wants to help me.</i> <i>I'm learning to speak Italian.</i>
adjectives	<i>happy, difficult, etc.</i>	<i>They were happy to see me.</i> <i>This exercise isn't difficult to do.</i> <i>She was surprised to hear I was ill.</i>
<i>would like, etc.</i>	<i>would like / (don't) like / enjoy / love / hate</i>	<i>We'd like to come and see you later.</i>

We use the -ing form after:

some verbs	<i>enjoy, finish, mind, miss, keep</i>	<i>I enjoy watching all sports.</i> <i>We finished doing our homework.</i> <i>I miss seeing my friends.</i>
prepositions	<i>for, of, about</i>	<i>Thanks for helping me.</i>

1 Choose the correct verb forms to complete the sentences.

- 1 My dad offered *to help / helping* me with my homework.
- 2 I enjoy *to play / playing* the piano.
- 3 Let's finish *to watch / watching* the film before we go to bed.
- 4 My brother and I enjoy *to play / playing* video games.
- 5 Thank you for *to help / helping* me.

2 Underline the mistakes and correct them.

- 1 I hope visiting Brazil one day.
- 2 My friends and I always enjoy to meet in town on Saturdays.
- 3 I'm sorry hearing you're ill.
- 4 All my friends enjoy watch football.
- 5 Do you mind to wait a little longer?