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Verb + -ing or verb + to-infinitive?

We use the -ing form after these verbs: *can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend (time)*:

I hate wearing a suit and a tie.

We use the to-infinitive after these verbs: *agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, would like, would prefer*.

I can't afford to buy this jacket.

1 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 I don't mind _____ (get up) early.
- 2 Karen spends a lot of time _____ (chat) online.
- 3 We refuse _____ (eat) meat or fish.
- 4 I always agree _____ (help) my brother with his homework.
- 5 They hope _____ (get) a job in the media.
- 6 I can't stand _____ (wait) in queues.
- 7 Peter wants _____ (be) like Steve Jobs.
- 8 Sue has decided _____ (lend) me her new dress.
- 9 You should avoid _____ (eat) fast food.
- 10 Does Angela enjoy _____ (work) in a hospital?
- 11 A lot of people can't afford _____ (eat) in a restaurant every day.
- 12 I'm considering _____ (become) a volunteer.
- 13 When are you coming back? I really need _____ (see) you.
- 14 In the winter I always miss _____ (swim) in the sea.
- 15 Most of my friends prefer _____ (wear) jeans to sweatpants.
- 16 I would prefer _____ (stay) at home tonight if you don't mind.
- 17 Rob really hates _____ (tidy) his room.
- 18 Amy works for a charity – she loves _____ (help) people in need.
- 19 We managed _____ (finish) our project on time.
- 20 Peter likes _____ (work) in a team.