

# GRAMMAR

## 1.5

Verb + -ing form  
or verb + to infinitive

### SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW

#### 1 Choose the correct answers A–C.

- 1 We \_\_ town on Saturday afternoons. We hate shopping when it's busy.  
A avoid      B miss      C decide
- 2 I \_\_ a burger, medium fries and a chocolate milkshake, please.  
A like      B 'd like      C love
- 3 They usually eat in the most expensive restaurants, but we \_\_ it. We don't have enough money.  
A don't mind      B enjoy      C can't afford
- 4 My little brother \_\_ that he's riding a motorbike. He makes motorbike noises and runs around the house.  
A enjoys      B pretends      C spends time
- 5 Dad still goes running in the winter, but Mum \_\_ to. She won't go because it's too cold.  
A prefers      B refuses      C agrees
- 6 I don't know how I'll \_\_ to finish all this homework before school on Monday, but I'll try.  
A hope      B consider      C manage

#### 2 ★ Choose the correct forms.

- 1 Christopher doesn't mind to pay / paying for English lessons. He goes on holiday to England every year.
- 2 Amy avoids to sunbathe / sunbathing. She has blonde hair and very fair skin.
- 3 Do you want to go / going camping at the weekend? The weather forecast is good.
- 4 Marco and his mum choose flying / to fly when they visit their family in Italy.
- 5 Carly pretends to be / being cheerful when she's away, but I really think she misses home.
- 6 Do we really need to take / taking four big bags with us? We are only going away for three days.

#### 3 ★★ Complete the sentences with the -ing form or the to infinitive of the verbs in capitals.

##### 1 SHOP

I don't like shopping with my dad. He hates <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and I refuse <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ with him.

##### 2 SWIM

Lola loves <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. Yesterday, she managed <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 500 metres. Next weekend, she hopes <sup>c</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a full kilometre.

##### 3 BUY

Can you afford <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ this expensive coat? You should consider <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a cheaper one. You need to save money.

##### 4 MEET

Simon enjoys <sup>a</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ his friends at the skate park. This weekend they've agreed <sup>b</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ at the skate shop because he wants to buy new wheels for his board.

4 ★★ Complete the forum post with the -ing form or the to infinitive of the verbs from the box. There are two extra words.

cook eat find live miss  
see shop write visit

Are you a foreigner living in Estonia?  
Tell us what you think about living here  
and what you miss from home.

Araya Estonia writes:

My family comes from Thailand, but we live in Tallin because my dad works for an Estonian electronics company. I like living in Estonia, but I'm not keen on the food.

I miss <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ for fresh food in the markets in Bangkok. Luckily, my mum is always busy in the kitchen. She spends a lot of time <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ our favourite Thai meals.

Unfortunately, she can't always manage <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the right ingredients, and we can't afford <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Thailand every time we do our shopping! Anyway, I'm happy to say that there are always chillies in the shops in Estonia. My dad won't consider <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a meal without chillies! Are there any other Thai teenagers out there? Would you like <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ to me and tell me what you miss about Thailand? I promise to reply.

### SHOW WHAT YOU'VE LEARNT

5 Complete the sentences with the words in brackets in the correct form. Do not change the order of the words. You may need to add words. Use no more than six words.

Marie's grandparents are rich – they can afford to have a flat (afford / have / flat) in the centre of Paris and a house in southern Provence.

- 1 Why \_\_\_\_\_ (he / refuse / use) social media? Everyone is on Facebook except him!
- 2 Giulia \_\_\_\_\_ (miss / meet) her friend, Stefano, at the café near their secondary school. They've lost contact with each other.
- 3 Maria usually \_\_\_\_\_ (spend / lot / time / talk) on the phone.
- 4 Felix and Eva \_\_\_\_\_ (avoid / talk) politics – they prefer discussing other topics.
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (you / mind / open) the window for a while? It's really hot in here.
- 6 My sister \_\_\_\_\_ (not / stand / clean / window). She says it's dead boring.

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