

GRAMMAR **Verb patterns**

- We use **to + the infinitive** after these verbs: *agree, decide, forget, learn, need, remember, try, want, would like.*
I try to switch it off sometimes.
- We use **verb + -ing** after these verbs: *can't stand, don't mind, enjoy, finish, hate, keep, like, love, prefer, stop.*
I prefer texting friends.

1 Match the sentence halves.

1 My friend agreed
2 I enjoy
3 Carla doesn't mind phoning people, but she prefers
4 Oh no! I forgot
5 I'd like

a texting her friends.
b to help me with my homework.
c to download this app, but it's too expensive.
d to bring my phone charger!
e talking to them in person.

2 Choose the correct option.

1 Please stop *to make / making* that noise. It's terrible!
2 Did you remember *to charge / charging* your tablet?
3 You need *to switch / switching* it off and on again.
4 I can't stand *to text / texting* people. Talking is much better.
5 Do you want *to see / seeing* my new app?
6 Let me just finish *to write / writing* this email then I'll help you.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets.

1 My mum enjoys *watching* (watch) films online.
2 I prefer _____ (read) adventure books to _____ (go) to concerts.
3 I sometimes forget _____ (charge) my phone overnight.
4 Jake decided _____ (leave) his phone at home for the day! He went crazy!
5 My gran is learning _____ (use) social media – she's doing well.
6 I can't stand _____ (get) texts on my phone from advertisers.

4 Choose the correct option.**my BLOG**

I love ¹*to go / going* on social media! Every morning I enjoy ²*to read / reading* posts from my friends and ³*to look / looking* at the photographs they upload. It's also great for keeping in touch with old friends. If I forget ⁴*to reply / replying* to posts or comments, social media reminds me! I also like ⁵*to watch / watching* video clips, especially funny ones with animals. Last week I decided ⁶*to make / making* a video of my cat. I tried ⁷*to film / filming* her in my bedroom, but she kept ⁸*to run / running* out of the room! Then the camera stopped ⁹*to work / working*. So, I waited until the next day and my brother helped me ¹⁰*to fix / fixing* it. It was perfect and I made a video of my cat! I wanted ¹¹*to study / studying* film and photography at college, but after yesterday – maybe not! I'd also like a job in programming. I learned ¹²*to design / designing* websites last year. That was fun! I also made some websites for my friends.