

GRAMMAR

Verb patterns

- We use **to + the infinitive** after these verbs:
agree, decide, forget, learn, need, remember, try, want, would'd 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.

- ☒ b My friend agreed
 - ☐ I enjoy
 - ☐ Carla doesn't mind phoning people, but she prefers
 - ☐ Oh no! I forgot
 - ☐ I'd like
- texting her friends.
 - ~~to help me with my homework.~~
 - to download this app, but it's too expensive.
 - to bring my phone charger!
 - talking to them in person.

2 Choose the correct option.

- Please stop *to make* / *making* that noise. It's terrible!
- Did you remember *to charge* / *charging* your tablet?
- You need *to switch* / *switching* it off and on again.
- I can't stand *to text* / *texting* people. Talking is much better.
- Do you want *to see* / *seeing* my new app?
- 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.

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

4 Choose the correct option.

my BLOG



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